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This year's fireworks will again be held at Andover High School, on Sunday, July 3.

TOWN EVENTS

Lighting fuse for the Fourth

By Greta Cuyler

The best place to see Andover's fireworks and hear the related concert will be in the field next to West Middle School, off Shawsheen Road, near the tennis courts and skate park.

That's the word from organizer and Andover resident Jerry Silverman.

Andover's night sky will explode in a rainbow of colors at the Sunday, July 3 fireworks display thanks in part to the former selectman.

Silverman has raised \$5,500 of his \$10,000 goal this year, in part collecting the money through donation jars at various local businesses.

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Food column will help you with cookout
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The money Silverman collects goes towards reducing the town's fireworks budget, defraying police, firefighter and DPW overtime costs and hiring the band Brass Connection to perform on July 3. Town Meeting also approved \$9,000 for fireworks.

Festivities on July 3 begin at 7:15 p.m. with a performance by Brass Connection at the Andover High School field, followed by fireworks that begin at dusk. Atlas Pyrovision Productions Inc. of Jaffrey, N.H. will provide the fireworks display this year.

On the actual July 4 holiday, town officials will serve up pancakes at the Park at the corner of Bartlett and Chestnut streets. At 9 a.m., residents should begin lining up for the Horribles Parade outside Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. The parade will begin at 9:30. Games, music and prizes will be ongoing in the Park from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Clowns, jugglers and other entertainers will be on hand.

Eagle Scout Richard Smith has created a nine-hole miniature golf course, part of which will be on display at the Park.

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Finegold plan:

Buy hybrid, get cash back – from state

A \$1,500 tax incentive is part of representative's energy road map

By Judy Wakefield

Oliver Jones' Honda hybrid is a flashy shade of green, but it's the car's high gas mileage that makes the pro-green political crowd like it.

Soon Massachusetts residents might have another reason to favor such hybrid cars – a \$1,500 state-tax break for residents who buy one.

"Great idea," said Jones, a Rattlesnake Road resident. "For me, (buying a hybrid) is all about not wasting. Not wasting is what I tell people when they ask why I bought this."

Jones' attitude is what State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) likes to hear as he prepares legislation allowing taxpayers to receive as much as \$1,500 back on their taxes for buying a gas-and-battery-operated hybrid car. Such cars are highly fuel efficient, getting more than 50 miles per gallon.

Saying there is no national policy in place that promotes renewable energy, Finegold believes it's up to state leaders to do it. His "Massachusetts Renewable Energy Road Map" plan includes incentives aimed at getting more people focused on environmental issues. His legislation also addresses the booming field of renewable energy, which he said has the potential to bring new jobs to the area.

"It's a combination of things: the economic angle, the good-for-the-environment angle and jobs," Finegold said of the legislation, intro-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Planning a summer road trip? This hybrid, owned by Oliver Jones of Andover, gets 53.1 miles to the gallon and it costs about \$21 to fill its 10-gallon tank.

duced earlier this month.

He breaks down his legislation into these areas:

Economics: With the cost of oil hitting \$50 a barrel this week and the subsequent rise in gas prices, too much money is leaving this country, Finegold said. Small businesses in communities like Andover are the ones getting

socked.

"It may have cost \$18 to fill the gas tank and now it costs \$32. That's money that would have been spent at CVS. Kaps, Dylan's, Bertucci's or somewhere else downtown. People are not going out to eat as much or shopping

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HY TIMES?

- Massachusetts ranks ninth in the nation in new hybrid car registration.
- 2,590 hybrid cars were registered in the state in 2004.
- Andover does not keep such statistics on residents' cars.

Jobs program is lifeline for laid-off seniors

By Greta Cuyler

Charlotte Pelletier, a 30-year Andover resident, couldn't find work after she lost her job with Decathlon USA (formerly MVP Sports) in November 2003, because the company closed 14 of 18 Massachusetts stores. A nearly 10-year employee, Pelletier was laid off with 500 co-workers.

Although age bias is difficult to prove, Pelletier said she sensed it during her job search.

"Last year was a very hard year," said Pelletier. "You lose self-esteem as you go along. You don't know where to turn." She felt isolated. "Nobody understands that, until it happens to them," she said.

Pelletier had worked on pricing and merchandising at MVP's Distribution Center. She applied for similar positions at other local distribution centers. She only received a few phone calls in response to her resumes, and no job offers.

Pelletier's severance and unemployment funds ran out in mid-2004, which was when she turned to Elder Services

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MOM, CAN I GET A TAN?

Little-known law: Parental consent for tanning beds

By Rita Savard

With summer officially here, many youth will be more intent than ever on acquiring the type of tans they see on young stars such as Paris Hilton, Jessica Simpson and Cameron Diaz.

While there are no legal restrictions on natural sun-tanning, youth who want to get their tans sitting in a tanning bed need parental permission first. That's the law in Massachusetts.

In 1992, medical research linking UV tanning to skin cancer influenced a state regulation restricting youth between the ages of 14 and 17 from visiting tanning salons without parental consent, said Donna Rayhem, spokesperson for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to go tanning, Rayhem said.

"Enforcement of the state regulation is up to the local boards of health," Rayhem added.

Stephen Fine, who lost his son to skin cancer and tries to educate teens about the dangers of tanning, believes most tanning salons are not doing enough to enforce the state's age requirements (see related story below). Fine warns his young audience that even 10 visits to a UV tanning bed in one year

"greatly increases the likelihood of melanoma."

But Doris Sheehan, manager of the Andover Tanning Center, believes tanning can be a safe process in a controlled environment and offers some added health benefits.

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Avoiding truly killer tans



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Jen Merinder, an Andover High School student, appears to have done a good job avoiding the ravages of the sun. Her nose showed some minor damage, based on her Derma-scan image.

Dad warns teens: Cancer took my son

By Rita Savard

A second after her head disappears behind the silver curtain, Christina Muccio lets out a shrill scream and jumps out of her chair.

"It's so scary, I can't look," Muccio said, turning away.

Muccio's classmates laughed over her lightning-quick reflex, but one after another, students from an Andover High health class had similar reactions.

The cause of shock was their own reflections – seen in a different light. Peering inside an ultraviolet light machine known as a Derma-

scan, sun damage lurking beneath the skin's outer layer suddenly comes to life in dramatic purple and brown hues.

Stephen Fine visits more than 300 schools annually with the Dermascan machine, hoping to reduce the country's most widespread cancer – melanoma. The end of the school year, also signaling the beginning of summer, keeps Fine busier than usual as he prepares teens for keeping safe in the sun. This year, the American Cancer Society forecasts about 59,600 new melanoma cases.

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Existing federal tax break

By Greta Cuyler

While one of Andover's state representatives, Barry Finegold, is pushing for a state incentive to get people to buy hybrid vehicles that have better gas mileage, the federal government offers a tax incentive of its own — at least for now.

People who purchase a new eco-friendly vehicle can claim a one-time federal tax deduction on Form 1040 in the year in which they purchase the vehicle, according to legislation passed as part of the Working Families Relief Act of 2004.

"It gives people a benefit for purchasing clean fuel cars," said IRS spokeswoman Peggy Riley.

The deduction is meant to partially compensate hybrid vehicle owners for the additional purchase cost of a car with an electric motor and a gasoline-powered engine. These

vehicles are more fuel-efficient and produce fewer emissions than conventional gasoline-powered engines.

The clean-burning fuel deduction, calculated as a 1040 income adjustment, is limited to up to \$2,000 for certified vehicles first put into service in 2005 and \$500 for vehicles put into service in 2006.

At this time, Congress has not passed legislation providing for deductions after the 2006 tax year.

According to the IRS, the following is a list of hybrid vehicles which meet the IRS standards for a deduction:

Honda Insight ('04, '05 models)
Ford Escape Hybrid ('04, '05)
Honda Accord Hybrid ('04, '05)
Honda Civic Hybrid ('04, '05)
Lexus Hybrid ('06)
Toyota Highlander Hybrid ('06)
Toyota Prius ('04, '05)

ENERGY PLAN

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downtown as much. The bottom line is that there is less money in the economy and it's very harmful," said Finegold, whose wife Amy owns a downtown women's clothing store.

Pro-hydrogen push: Finegold stressed this is not something that could happen soon, but he would like to see hydrogen replace oil in the future.

"It's good for the environment," he said. "California is active with this and Michigan, New York and Connecticut are also on board. It's very long-term, but we would like to see it happen."

Jobs: Finegold has already met with some representatives of the fuel-cell industry, including the president of the state's Hydrogen Coalition who has announced his support of Finegold's road map plan. Finegold's purpose is to attract more fuel-cell companies to Massachusetts.

"I would love to see them come to Andover. Andover is a destination for many types of businesses and I have met with

Plugging in to new energy sources

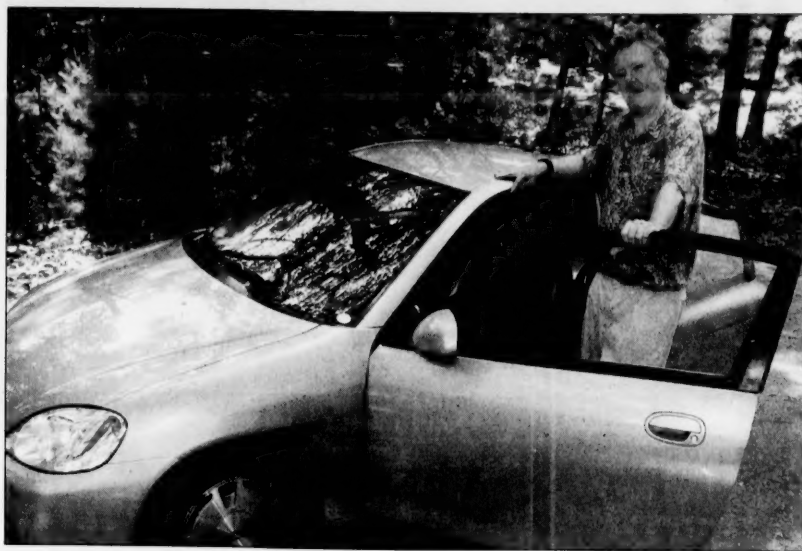


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Jones was one of the first people to get a Honda hybrid vehicle in 1999, and says he has no issues with the car's speed or durability.

some in Cambridge and have been telling them to come here," he said.

Hybrid benefits: In addition to the \$1,500 tax incentive, Finegold said a hybrid-only carpool lane on major highways, including Interstate 93, is also being talked about.

"It's another incentive and I think people would respond," he said.

Jones agreed, saying California already does that. His daughter is now the official driver of his hybrid car and she

lives there. She's spending the summer in Europe so he's back behind the hybrid's wheel for now.

While the tax break could provide future incentive, hybrid owners already can save some serious cash. Jones' 1999 five-speed Honda Insight gets 53.1 miles to the gallon. Its 10-gallon tank costs about \$21 to fill, he said.

"I could fill it and drive to Richmond," chuckled Jones. "It's plenty easy to drive and does the speed limits, no prob-

lem. People always ask about that."

The small two-seater's vehicle identification number is 152, proving that Jones was one of the first to get his Honda hybrid. He ordered it in December 1999 and received it about three months later from a North Reading dealer. He paid \$23,000 for it.

"People should try it. This car works very well and there have been no major repair bills," Jones said of the car, which has about 90,000 miles and has crossed the country twice.

Finegold, who has always driven a Chrysler, said he realizes hybrids' small sizes simply wouldn't work for today's families.

"But they're coming," he said of larger-sized hybrids. "Toyota and Lexus are looking at a bigger-sized hybrid. And that's good. We need more people to use these kinds of cars."

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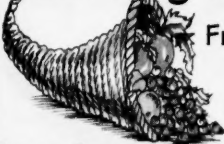
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



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North Main Street in the 1940s, as pictured in the top photo, shows the Shawshen Square building at left, called the Aberdeen, at 348-362 North Main St. It was built in 1922 by William Wood, and converted to apartments around 1931.

School donations

Andover, Lawrence churches closer to goal of tuition-free school

The Esperanza Academy – a partnership between Andover's Christ Church and Grace Church in Lawrence – has received close to \$330,000 in donations, which directors consider a strong start in their campaign to create a tuition-free, private middle school for Lawrence girls.

The board of directors says the school will be a tuition-free middle school for girls in grades five through eight using "the Nativity educational model." It is scheduled to open in September 2006. The school will serve 40 students its first year and will increase by 20 students in each of the two subsequent school years.

The start-up funds come from a range of funders, including the Cassin Foundation, committed to Nativity schools across the nation; the Stevens Foundation,

a local philanthropic leader; individual donor and Andover resident Tom Maher, and more than 20 additional individual donors from across the country. The funds will be applied toward a fundraising goal of \$3 million for school operations and renovations to the school building at Grace Church, 35 Jackson St., Lawrence.

"This is a tremendous vote of confidence in the vision of Esperanza, from a variety of sectors that are critical to making Esperanza a success," Daniel Velez-Rivera, president of the board of directors, said in a release.

Esperanza Academy has also become a part of the nationwide Nativity Educational Centers Network, the national association of independent Nativity model schools, which is a critical

step in school certification.

According to the board, "Nativity schools promote quality tuition-free education for low-income urban children, with a focus on small classes, extended day and extended year schedules. The Nativity model is based on Judeo-Christian values including respect for the potential of each person, a responsibility to the poor, and the promotion of social justice."

Blessed Steven Bellesini OSA Academy, a middle school for boys in Lawrence, is also based on the Nativity model.

"Our vision for Esperanza Academy is coming to life. With the continuing enthusiasm of our board members, donors and the community of Lawrence, Esperanza Academy will be a great success," said Maher, who is a board member.

Calendars make recycling easy

Recycling calendars arrived in the mail for Andover residents this week, filled with answers to questions people have about recycling and their trash.

Need to know when leaves are collected? Why cardboard is left at the curb? What can be done with old TVs? When the next household hazardous waste collection is? Look at the calendar.

It's all there, along with other information, such as what kind of batteries residents can throw away with their regular trash.

Extra calendars are available at Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., Memorial Hall Library in Elm Square and the water treatment plant at 397 Lowell St.

For more information and to ask questions, try the Andover recycling Web site, www.andoverma.gov/recycle.

Last day to save on school bus fee

The Andover School Committee has approved a student transportation policy that provides transportation to students in grades 7-12 on a fee basis.

The fee established for the 2005-06 school year is \$300. Families with more than two students in grades 7-12 shall be subject to no more than two transportation user fees, or a \$600 cap. Students who pay the fee in full by today, Thursday, June 30 will be able to deduct \$40 per paying students, up to \$80, when paying for two students. The discounted price for families paying early is \$260 per student, with a family maximum of \$520.

Quote, unquote . . .

WE WERE SWIMMING TO THESE LITTLE ISLANDS. The closest one was inhabited by seagulls and they were like, 'What are you doing here?' We didn't stay long.

– Katie (Scanlon) LeBlanc, who as a teenage lifeguard organized a swimming event to raise money for Jake Scileppi, a handicapped Andoverite. The swim event became a golf tournament. Now, a new golf tournament named after Scileppi is planned for July 18. (Story in Townspeople, page 9)

THEY WOKE UP AT 4 A.M. and worked until 2 p.m., before returning to the hotel and cleaning up for the award ceremony. They are community service, through and through.

– Barbara Parente, community-relations manager at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, about a group of students who won a national award for their work. Before the ceremony in Kansas City, the students helped a local school with a project of its own. (Story in Education, page 13)

News Calendar

Thursday, June 30

School Committee executive session, School Administration Building, superintendent's conference room, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

Greater Lawrence Coalition Bioterrorism Meeting, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday July 9

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, July 11

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Doherty Auditorium, 7:45 p.m.

TIP gets grant from McDonald House, Patriot

Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley Inc. received a \$15,000 grant from the Ronald McDonald House

Charities for efforts providing on-scene support to traumatized children and adults in the Merrimack Valley community for the

past 12 years. A portion of the funding is for the organization's Bilingual (Spanish and English) versions of their Helping/Healing series publications "Michael's Story," which assists children and adults in the grief process after the death of a loved one, "Jordan's Story," specific to inappropriate sexual touching and "Nat's Story," assisting with a suicide.

These books are given to children and adults through TIP volunteers who work directly with the local police fire and emergency rooms. They are also available in Merrimack Valley schools and libraries.

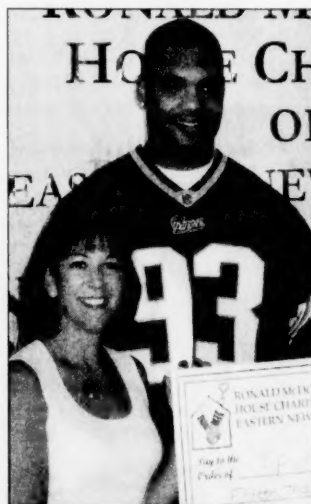
For a copy of the books or more information, call the TIP line at 978-975-8471.

Early Townsman deadlines

Due to the Fourth of July holiday next Monday, the Townsman will have early deadlines for its July 7 paper.

Advertising copy is due on Friday, July 1 at noon. Submissions from the public for the Events Calendar and sections such as On Campus are due Friday before 5 p.m.

Letters sent by US mail or hand-delivered to the Townsman offices at 33 Chestnut St. must arrive in the Townsman office Friday before 5 p.m. Letters sent by e-mail to nfater@andover-townsman.com must be sent by Monday, July 4, at 9 a.m.



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Super Bowl champ Richard Seymour helped Ronald McDonald House dole out \$249,000 to charities, including \$15,000 to Trauma Intervention Program, founded by Andover resident Jayan Conlin (left).

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Parental permission Dad tries to protect teens from skin cancer

■ MOTHER, MAY I?
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"The key to safe indoor tanning is knowing the client's skin type and closely monitoring the time the client is exposed to the lights," said Sheehan, who has 17 years of experience working in the tanning industry.

"Our staff members are trained, educated and certified in safe tanning procedures," Sheehan adds. "And we're very conscious of young people. We do not let anyone under the age of 17 go tanning without a parent's permission."

Both Fine and Sheehan agree that a safe alternative to basking under the sun is opting for a faux glow, or a painted-on tan. The state has no age restrictions

on this type of tanning.

Fine said the broad spectrum of self-tanners available in drugstores, cosmetic counters and salons can provide a temporary tan without risking possible skin cancers.

Mixing fruit and vegetable acids with moisturizing bases, artificial tanners are activated by the body's amino acids and dye the outer layer of the skin for about five to seven days, said Sheehan. "Think of cutting an apple in half," Sheehan said. "It starts to oxidize and turn brown. Self-tanners work in the same way once they're activated by the body."

Sheehan said about 20 percent of her clients now opt for \$40 "air brush tanning."

■ SKIN CANCER
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"Melanoma kills you unless you find it early," said Fine, president of the Melanoma Education Foundation. Fine dedicated his life to teaching early prevention after melanoma claimed the life of his own son in 1998.

Describing his son as neither a sun worshiper nor frequent tanner, Fine said melanoma on his son's back went unnoticed in its early stages until it became too advanced to cure. Daniel Fine succumbed to the most deadly form of skin cancer at 26.

"Years ago, you would hardly ever see melanoma in people between the ages of 12 and 18," said Fine. "It used to be a rarity, but those statistics have taken a dramatic turnaround."

In 1935, one out of every 1,500 people was diagnosed with melanoma. Today, said Fine, the odds have changed to one in 63.

Boasting a beach-bronze glow has symbolized both health and beauty since French designer Coco Chanel, who is rumored to have started the trend in the 1920s, publicly sported a deep suntan after vacationing on a friend's yacht. Chanel said her sun-soaked appearance was an accident, but 80 years later tanned skin is a beauty regimen many spend hours — and money — to maintain.

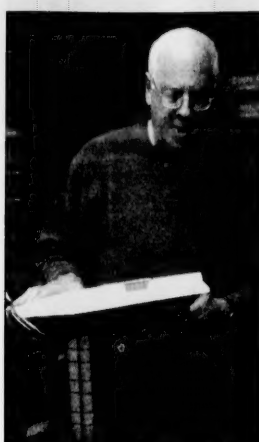
"The problem is the way people are trying to get tan," said Candice McVeigh, a health teacher at Andover High. "Ultraviolet light from tanning beds or spending time in the sun without protection is extremely unhealthy for anyone. It increases the risk of skin cancer and aging."

Fine believes that simulating a sun-drenched look from ultraviolet tanning beds should receive the same kind of legal enforcement as smoking.

"Tanning beds can cause skin cancer just like smoking can cause lung cancer," Fine said. "The tanning-bed industry is in the same state of semi-denial that the tobacco companies were in about 10 years ago. Massachusetts has laws that govern tanning but they are not enforced."

Teens under 18 frequently visit tanning salons, Fine said, and are not asked to show proof of parental consent (see related story). Along with neglecting to observe the state's age requirements, tanning salons also seem to market to younger clientele, alleges McVeigh.

"Often, you'll see tanning salons advertising specials in their store windows that target



Stephen Fine uses a machine called a Dermascan to show people the damage sun can do to their skin.



A student reacts to seeing the damage on her skin, during a Fine presentation at Andover High School.

the younger population," McVeigh said. "Especially before the prom, a lot of girls are heading to the tanning beds, and many places will offer free tanning to frequent visitors."

Doris Sheehan, manager of the Andover Tanning Center, disagrees. She says tanning can be a safe process in a controlled environment, and her shop does not open tanning beds to minors without parental consent.

Clients at Andover Tanning Center are required to fill out detailed questionnaires before becoming salon members, said Sheehan. Having a background on people's health and physical profiles aids Sheehan's staff in providing a safe tanning environment for each individual.

Sheehan said eye protection, as well as sunscreen, is available for every client, and proof of age must be presented.

Sheehan said controlled amounts of UVA can actually help a person feel healthier by aiding the body's absorption of vitamin D.

"If a person lacks vitamin D they can't absorb calcium as easily," Sheehan said. "Ultraviolet light can fool the body into producing its own vitamin D."

The exact relationship of sunlight exposure to the development of skin cancers is still a subject for debate in some medical circles.

Michael F. Holick, MD, PhD, was asked to resign from his position as a professor of dermatology at Boston University last spring after endorsing moderate use of tanning beds for boosting vitamin D levels in a book he wrote. The book was funded in part by the indoor tanning industry. Holick has since resigned from his teaching post but continues to teach and direct the BU

medical center's Vitamin D, Skin and Bone Research Laboratory.

Dermatologist Christine Andersen, of Andover Dermatology, disagrees with Holick's theory.

"I think you'd be hard pressed to find a dermatologist that advocates safe tanning," Andersen said. "I see a wide variety of skin cancers and I've definitely seen cancers that are related to frequent use of tanning booths."

Overexposure to ultraviolet light is the greatest risk factor to skin cancer, according to Ander-

sen. The dermatologist urges that people of all ages limit their exposure by broad spectrum sunscreen that protects against both UVA and UVB with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher.

Fine said any person spending a day by the pool or at the beach should use up an entire six-ounce bottle of sunscreen by themselves during the course of the day.

"I'm not saying to hide from the sun," Fine added. "Just to keep yourself protected, so you can enjoy it for years to come."

SUN 101: TANNING TERMS

Solar sense: UVA rays

UVA (ultraviolet-A): long wave solar rays of 320-400 nanometers (billionths of a meter). Although less likely than UVB to cause sunburn, UVA penetrates the skin more deeply and is considered the chief culprit behind wrinkling, leathery skin and other aspects of photoaging.

UVB (ultraviolet-B)

Short wave solar-rays of 290-320 nanometers. More potent than UVA in producing sunburn, these rays are considered the main cause of basal and squamous cell cancers, as well as a significant cause of melanoma.

Sunbathing without sunlight

Doris Sheehan, of Andover Tanning Center, said airbrush tanning has become increasingly popular at her store over the past four years, attracting a wide variety of clients including both women and men.

SPF

This measures the length of time a product protects against skin reddening from UVB, compared to how long the skin takes to redden without protection. If it takes 20 minutes without protection to begin reddening, using an SPF sunscreen theoretically prevents reddening 15 times longer — about five hours. To maintain the SPF, reapply sunscreen every two hours and right after swimming.

Sunblocks and sunscreens

Sunscreens chemically absorb UV rays, sunblocks physically deflect them. Most broad-spectrum sunscreens and sunblocks with an SPF of 15 or higher work well to shield against UVB and UVA rays. Look for dermatologist-recommended ingredients such as titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, and avobenzone (Parasol 1789) which work against all UVA wavelengths.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, June 23 - At 7:31 p.m., Donald R. Grover Sr., 42, of 740 Hanover St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny by check.

Friday, June 24 - At 12:25 a.m., Paul L. Whitley, 70, of 4 Virginia Road, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and with a marked lanes violation.

At 2:26 p.m., Jesus Ortiz, 20, of 362 Essex St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, and on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

Saturday, June 25 - At 12:21 a.m., Hector Daniel Jr., 35, of 208 High St., Haverhill, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants for possession and distribution of a class B substance, trespassing and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

At 2:30 p.m., Michael A. Bochichio, 42, of 119 Bismark Ave., Valley Stream, N.Y., was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (his shod foot) and assault and battery on a household member. At 2:35 p.m., a juvenile was arrested and

charged with assault and battery on a household member, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a thrown Walkman, according to police), resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

At 5:45 p.m., Peter K. Kelly, 48, of 30 Colonial Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery and on a warrant for assault.

Sunday, June 26 - At 12:31 p.m., John A. Proctor, 58, of 600 Bullfinch Drive, was arrested and charged on warrants for operating under the influence of alcohol. Police said Proctor had called police at 7:13 a.m., reporting a hit and run. Police said Proctor reported being struck by "possibly a white Chevy," causing him to drive off the road and get two flat tires. Proctor told police he was unable to get a license plate number but said the car that hit him appeared to have a "bunch of kids in it," according to police reports. Police said after speaking to Proctor he stated that he was actually on medication and struck the guardrail on Interstate 93 southbound. No other vehicles were involved.

Monday, June 27 - At 1:11 p.m., James Hardiman, 35, of 67 Washington St., Haverhill, was

arrested and charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of a class A substance.

At 1:42 p.m., Earl Hodgkins, 43, of 820 Gray Road, Windham, Maine, was arrested and charged on warrants for driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle.

Tuesday, June 28 - At 4:57 p.m., Yamil Mercado, 28, of 146 Exchange St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended license.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, June 23 - At 2:31 a.m., Andover police were called to assist state police with a vehicle rollover on Interstate 93 southbound in Wilmington. State police said the driver left the vehicle and was seen in the area of Gillette in Andover. A canine unit was dispatched and state police eventually located the subject near the parking garage at Wyeth Corp.

At 3:38 p.m., a resident reported that a large turtle in the resident's yard would not leave.

At 8:43 p.m., a resident reported her son was receiving threatening phone calls.

At 9:03 p.m., police received a call about a fire on a resident's deck. The fire department extinguished the fire.

At 11:19 p.m., a resident reported their upstairs neighbors were jumping up and down on a balcony like they were trying to break it. The caller also said items were being thrown off the balcony. Police checked the area but found no one.

Friday, June 24 - At 12:12 a.m., a resident called to report a 17-year-old had verbally assaulted a family member.

At 12:06 p.m., a caller reported finding the person's 88-year-old mother deceased at her Railroad Street residence.

At 10:40 p.m., a caller reported a broken window above the senior center.

Saturday, June 25 - At 7:53 a.m., a resident came into the station and turned in a few abandoned bicycles found in the woods in the area of Wagon Wheel Road.

At 1 p.m., a Chandler Road resident reported a hypodermic needle found in the yard.

At 11:31 p.m., a resident in the area of Barrington Drive notified police of two vehicles in the area that "seemed up to no good." The caller said he or she

was concerned since the roadway had been littered with bottles and cans during the previous weekend. Police checked the area and found no one.

Monday, June 27 - At 12:35 a.m., a resident reported observing two cars in the area of Sutherland Street that were shining spotlights into the trees.

At 11:33 a.m., a teacher at an Andover school reported a student making physical threats. Police filed a report.

At 5:18 p.m., a local business reported having a shoplifter in custody.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, June 23 - At 7:19 a.m., a resident called to report a gold Ford Escort was discovered in their driveway. Police said the vehicle was stolen from the Lowell area and a tow truck took the car back to Lowell.

At 9:48 p.m., a Lowell Street resident reported his or her car had been broken into. Police said nothing appeared missing but a window had been smashed.

Friday, June 24 - At 9:29 a.m., a Colonial Drive resident reported that someone had broken into a motor vehicle and stolen the radio.

At 12:17 p.m., a resident reported someone had broken into a vehicle in the area of Crescent Drive.

Sunday, June 26 - At 8:03 p.m., a patron at a River Road restaurant reported a vehicle was broken into while they were dining. The victim was gone

when police arrived to the scene.

Saturday, June 25 - At 9:09 p.m., AAA called to report a client had hit a wall near South Main Street. Police cited the driver for failing to use care in turning.

Sunday, June 26 - At 6:05 p.m., a resident reported two youths in a white car were blaring their radio. The caller said the youths parked the car in the area of South Main Street and entered a residence. When the youths were exiting the home, the caller claims to have requested the music be turned down and the youths used profanity before driving away.

THEFTS

Friday, June 24 - At 12:02 p.m., a resident reported a cell phone stolen.

Monday, June 27 - At 9:15 p.m., a resident reported an eight-foot step ladder was stolen from their storage area at the Balmoral condominiums.

At 11:22 p.m., a resident reported a canoe stolen and believed it was taken by someone involved with a large party on a pond. Police said the resident's canoe was returned and the youths who were in it had left.

VANDALISM

Sunday, June 26 - At 6:56 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported someone had smashed a window in the caller's vehicle during the night.

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SUMMER SPLASHDOWN



John Czirsky, 9, and Ryan Trismen, 9, (in back) jump off the docks into Poms Pond to stay cool.

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Town schools honored

By Rita Savard

The Andover public school system has garnered a pair of prestigious awards this week for its academic offerings.

The Andover School District was one of 29 in the state to be identified as an "outperformer" by Standard & Poor's School Evaluation System.

Also, Andover High School was one of 12 schools honored by the state as a 2005 Commonwealth Compass School. The Department of Education said these schools "have made tremendous academic progress over the past year."

The Compass Schools program was developed to recognize and celebrate individual school improvement, and to encourage the sharing of good ideas and effective practices among educators statewide. Nearly 200 schools were invited to apply this year, according to the Department of Education, and 80 submitted applications. AHS was one of 16 finalists selected for on-site review to learn more about their programs.

Each Compass School will receive a \$10,000 grant to prepare materials on their improvement initiatives to share with other educators. They will be recognized at a Statehouse event.

The prestigious state award was bestowed on Andover High one year after the Department of Education cracked down on the school for not meeting the mandated 990 hours of teaching time.

State education officials looked at which schools had significantly improved Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System results in both English and math. Administrators then were asked to describe successful improvement initiatives they helped implement over the past four years and demonstrate how they have led to positive results.

"While MCAS plays a significant role in a school's assessment, the assessment of the school's curriculum and programs goes much deeper than MCAS," said Tom Mead, assistant principal.

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SENIOR AIDE PROGRAM

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of the Merrimack Valley. Today, she works at the Andover Thrift Shop, where she has been for the past seven months, thanks to a federally funded program to help seniors looking for jobs.

The Senior Aides Program, run through Elder Services, matches eligible elders with jobs at local non-profits and public buildings. Seniors over the age of 55 who live in the Merrimack Valley, are available to work 20 hours a week and meet federal income guidelines are eligible to participate.

Eileen Giordano, Senior Aide Program manager at Elder Services, said the program, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, serves an invaluable need in the community and a variety of seniors. "Some thought that their pension would be sufficient and it's not. Or a person is widowed and living on less than they thought they could live on," she said. Or some realize, as one client aptly summed it up for Giordano, "you can go bowling only so much."

"They need to feel useful. People can be useful at any age," said Giordano.

Giordano agrees that age bias affects seniors looking for work and said there are still pervasive myths about the elderly in the workforce. "It's a myth that old employees cost more and it's been proven that they don't," she said. She also discounts the notion that elderly avoid learning new skills, citing her clients' participation in beginning and advanced computer classes as evidence.

She believes the Senior Aide Program can help both the seniors and organizations such as the Andover Thrift Shop.

"I felt so at home when I walked in here," said Pelletier of the shop, adding that her co-workers there are "all wonderful."

Pelletier had patronized the thrift store a few times, but due to her previous back office positions, was generally unfamiliar



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A federally funded program run by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley has allowed seniors such as Charlotte Pelletier to hold paying jobs as "senior aides" at non-profits while they look for other work. Pelletier has helped the Andover Thrift Shop.

with the workings of a retail store. Since December, she's been learning new skills, including marking merchandise, waiting on customers and handling money.

The thrift shop is manned by volunteers. However, because of the Senior Aide Program's federal funding, Pelletier receives minimum wage pay through Elder Services.

Giordano said part of the reason the Merrimack Valley program's 57 slots are never empty is because non-profit agencies have been unable to afford to

hire and pay employees in the uncertain economy.

Seniors have found the program "is vital to their survival in a lot of instances," said Giordano.

That rings true for Pelletier. "I really love it. I don't know what I would have done," she said. "It's given me new meaning in life."

The goal of the program is for clients to leave and graduate, either through a direct hire with a placement employer or through an external job search performed while in the program.

"Some thought that their pension would be sufficient and it's not. Or a person is widowed and living on less than they thought they could live on."

EILEEN GIORDANO,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
ON THE VARIOUS TYPES
OF SENIORS WHO BENEFIT

Pelletier is required to search for work while working at the thrift store and must have at least two employers per month sign paperwork verifying her application. She's been looking for work at various Andover retail stores and is hopeful that something will turn up.

Fran Jennings, manager of the Andover Thrift Shop, has enjoyed Pelletier's time at the store. "Charlotte's been a real asset. She relates so well to the customers and the other volunteers. We'd love to have her all the time," Jennings said.

However, each placement in the program can only last for one year, so next December, Pelletier will be reassigned to another non-profit if she hasn't found other work by then. The thrift shop cannot hire her because they operate with volunteer staff.

Jennings doesn't want to see December come too quickly. Describing Pelletier as outstanding, she said "we'll be very sad to see her leave."

July health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, July 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, July 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday starting July 6. Appointments are not necessary.

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Meet the record keeper

New assistant town clerk Kathy McKenna

By Greta Cuyler

Residents needing a new passport or notary might find a new face at Town Offices – that of Kathy McKenna, Andover's new assistant town clerk.

McKenna, an attorney and city planner by trade, joined the Andover town clerk's office in May, filling the position vacated by Meredith Barlow, who retired from the post after 15 years.

In her new role, McKenna will serve as a backup for Town Clerk Randy Hanson and become trained as a notary. She will also attend passport training, maintain records for the town and serve as the public's interface for all licensing issues.

"We were very happy to find such a qualified person," said Hanson.

"She has a background in local and state gov-

ernment and strong interpersonal skills that I was looking for when hiring for the position. It's worked out very well so far," said Hanson.

McKenna hails from Merrimack. Prior to joining the clerk's office, McKenna worked in Boston for the state in the Division of Unemployment as a review examiner, determining eligibility of people filing for unemployment. She has worked in municipalities before, as a town planner in Hudson, N.H. and as a town planner in North Andover.

McKenna says she is enjoying her work in Andover. "I like it a lot. The reason that I was really interested in this job is that you get to work with people in a customer-service aspect and help people get what they need while being as courteous and efficient as possible," she said.



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A former North Andover town planner, Kathy McKenna will serve as assistant town clerk.



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Opinion

Oohs and Ahhs in town

MANY PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS appropriately have a somber underpinning, as the nation honors those who have served us. The Fourth of July is one day that Americans unabashedly celebrate our good fortune. It's a countrywide, backyard party.

As Independence Day approaches, it's worthwhile to think about what makes the land of the free worth celebrating. Residents of Andover can also look further inward, at their town, to find a number of reasons to be proud. A

quick look at this week's paper provides plenty of food for thought.

In education, the Andover Schools have won two awards this week alone, one from the state and one from Standard & Poor's. Educators from around the state will be coming to Andover High School to learn what they can be doing better.

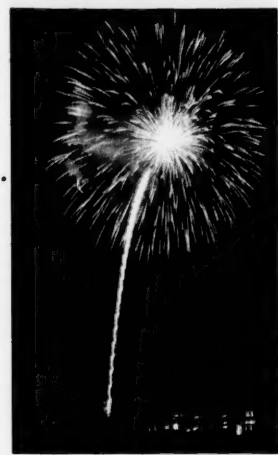


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An Andover doctor, Thomas Fuerst, was honored by the federal government for his work on a new vaccine to protect the public against health problems following an anthrax attack.

In sports, Lisa Portney, a 15-year-old Andover girl, was part of a synchronized swimming team that won a national gold medal.

One doesn't need to wait for the Andover fireworks on July 3 to find plenty to "ooh" and "ahh" over.

Now, who wants a hotdog?

Web question

Do you embrace or shun the sun?

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is about how tanning can affect skin health. The American Cancer Society is predicting 59,600 new cases of melanoma this year and today melanoma is the country's most widespread cancer. **What's your opinion on the bronzing glow?**

- Tanning's fine. Whether you go under a tanning bed or get the glow naturally, a tan makes people look better.
- I like the way a tan looks. It's not like I sit in my backyard slathered with baby oil, but I do enjoy getting a little color in the summer.
- I try not to get too much sun exposure and if I'm

going to be out in the midday sun, I definitely put on sunscreen. But I'm not fanatical about it.

- I avoid tanning at all costs. I also wear high SPF lotion every day to protect my face from the sun's rays. I don't care if my skin looks pale, I want to avoid any future harmful effects.
- Other.

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question could not be posted due to technical problems.

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LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Joshua Santomas, 5, kept cool in Pumps Pond on Tuesday by paddling around on his back in a tube.

LETTERS

MAIN STREET

Downtown needs more parking, not bump-outs

Editor, *Townsman*:

With reference to the *Andover Townsman*'s front page article on the improvements proposed for Andover's downtown shopping upgrade ("Main Street changes head to MassHighway," June 23), two items come to me as interesting points for discussion:

1. A right-turn-only lane onto Barnard Street.
2. Sidewalk bump-outs to shorten pedestrian crossing of Main Street.

Regarding item 1, there does not appear to be sufficient roadway to produce three lanes of traffic on Main Street between Chestnut Street and Barnard Street unless the parking of the east side of Main Street is removed.

More importantly, the proposed use of "bump-outs" on Main Street is, to me, a real concern. I am assuming that "bump-outs" are an extension of the sidewalk similar to those that are now in place on School Street between South Main and Central streets. If that is the definition of a "bump-out," then the civil engineer responsible for that design should be sent back to school. Those bump-outs are just begging for drivers from out of town, not familiar with that sort of roadway configuration, in a congested area, during winter snow conditions, to destroy their right front tires and their mechanical support systems. Believe me, on a number of occasions, in broad daylight, in turning onto Abbot Street southbound from Central Street, I came very close to damaging my right front tire and I know that the bump-out is there. It just does not register as part of the sidewalk.

As a summation of the Main Street article, I see nothing in it that proposes to add more parking spaces to Andover's shopping district. As an ex-shopkeeper in Andover (my wife recently closed her shop, the Sandpiper Shop), we have watched the town center slowly lose its vitality over the past 35 years and nothing has been done to improve it, such as limiting the growth of non-retail establishments (banks, insurance agents and real estate) in lieu of ground-floor retail and, of course, the need for additional parking.

Richard A. Pangonis
30 Linda Road

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvalley.com, and it offers quotations such as these.

Teacher: Not teaching extra class ensures quality

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am writing in response to the article "Teachers' decision 'a grenade,'" regarding the teaching stipend offered to teachers at the high school who would volunteer to teach an extra class. As an Andover High School science teacher and as a resident of Andover, I take offense to David Samuel's remark, "We've been bamboozled" in reference to the lack of teacher volunteers for the program. The term "bamboozled" implies that the town has been somehow "tricked" or deceived by Andover High School teachers, and this is not the case at all. I would like to remind Samuels that it was the School Committee, not the union, which proposed this option as a way to save money to fund the contract. The committee was told many times that this was not in the best interest of the students and curriculum, and that very few teachers would take the positions, yet it refused to agree upon a contract without it.

The argument that teachers currently teach three classes during one semester, so there-

fore they can do it both semesters, is ignoring an important detail. During the semester when I teach three courses, I still have my preparatory block and no duty. The extra class will be added to the semester when we teach two courses, have a prep and a duty. If I was to take the stipended position, I would teach three classes, lose my prep, and still have my duty period (and you cannot get "prep work" done during duty periods). Prep time is when I set up my labs, make copies, call parents, correct papers, write lessons, research activities and meet with students for extra help. It is not possible for me to properly teach three classes and not have a prep period. When would all those other significant activities be accomplished? Teachers who would take the extra class will probably have to change their typical lessons to accommodate - which would most likely result in fewer hands-on-activities, reduced assignments, less corrected work and decreased contact with students and their parents. I am not willing to teach an extra

class which would significantly affect the quality of education of all my students, and thankfully neither will the majority of my colleagues.

The lack of teacher participation in the program has absolutely nothing to do with "union pressure" as Samuels alleges. This is about teachers making the correct decision for their students and people's children. There just are not enough hours in the day to get the extra work finished without proper preparatory time. I do believe more teachers might have taken the extra assignment if it was in lieu of their duty block (instead of the prep). Do not blame the teachers for the fact that the School Committee put together a plan that relied upon teachers to volunteer to do something that is not suitable for the children of Andover. My fellow townsmen should be relieved and proud to hear that teachers are not willing to compromise their children's education because our School Committee hoped that they would do so.

Laura Hajdukiewicz
Burnham Road

College student: Youth, seniors require different space

Editor, *Townsman*:

This letter is concerning the proposed community center which would combine a youth center with the senior center, a concept that has aroused much obvious and necessary debate. As a '03 AHS graduate and lifelong Andover resident, I see a great dilemma in the proposed "community center." I think that a community like Andover invests great pride in both its seniors and youth, which are important components of the history and future of our town.

The senior center is greatly outdated and has inadequate space for its unique programs and services. The seniors have thus made architectural plans for a center which would better accommodate their programs. While the community center

ideally is a great way to kill two birds with one stone, in reality it makes for a real disaster.

First of all, the seniors do not want a community center, and they have served our community and helped to create the wonderful atmosphere which Andover provides for its youth. It seems only fair that we make sure the needs of our seniors are sufficiently met.

Secondly, because of the senior center's special programs that our town takes great pride in, sharing the space with the youth would be virtually impossible. There is no way seniors can comfortably share their space with the youth, as the groups' needs and tastes are totally different.

It seems unfair to create a community center which would

postpone and obstruct the visions of the new senior center, which is necessary for our seniors as well as the Andover community as a whole. If the plan for the new senior center is passed, then the old senior center could then be used for a youth center, and could even be temporary until their funding is adequate.

I think it is important for voters to know the importance of our seniors and their need for a promised senior center with adequate accommodations. There is a lot of idealism concerning the community center, and it should be brought down to reality as the needs of our seniors are at stake.

Ally Silberstein
28 Burton Farm Drive
Syracuse University 2007

THE THURSDAY FILE

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

AUDREY HEPBURN

He that never fails, never grows rich.

ITALIAN PROVERB

I feel sorry for the person who can't get genuinely excited about his work. Not only will he never be satisfied, but he will never achieve anything worthwhile.

WALTER CHRYSLER

Expectations tend to chase ahead of your ability to perform.

MICHAEL WEISSMAN

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.

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The Albert Einstein quotation

I never think of the future - it comes soon enough.



At last year's July 4 breakfast, Art Barber (left) and Alex Vispoli (right) helped serve pancakes.

Fourth of July festivities start July 3

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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On July 4, Poms Pond will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Mary Donohue, director of the Department of Community Services, says she "would love for people to come down and take a look" at the newly opened pond, which has a concession stand, changing rooms, new playground equipment and a volleyball net now moved into the shade.

Silverman says he hopes the day will come when he can say to residents, "No, we don't need any money, we're all set."

In the meantime, he enjoys the fundraising. "When I hear the ooohs and ahhs, and when it's all over, it makes my day," he says.

JULY 3 EVENTS

7:15 p.m. Concert at High School by Brass Connection
Dusk Fireworks begin at Andover High School Field
(In case of rain, events held on July 5.)

JULY 4 EVENTS

8-11 a.m. Pancakes in Park, served by town officials at the corner of Bartlett and Chestnut streets
9 a.m. Line up in front of Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. for the Horribles Parade
(Costumes are encouraged, as are decorations on baby strollers, bikes or wagons.)

9:30 a.m. Horribles Parade begins in front of Town Offices
10:30-noon Games, music and concert in the Park
noon-7 p.m. Poms Pond open



Olivia Gotobed rode her tricycle along Main Street during last year's Horribles Parade.

Say it together: US Champ!

Andover girl garners synchronized swimming gold

By Greta Cuyler

Lisa Portney, 15, of Andover, made history Tuesday night, winning national gold as a member of the eight-person New Canaan Y Aquinas synchronized swim team. The octet swept the age 14-15 team category at the 2005 esyncho Age Group Championships, the largest synchronized swimming meet in the world, boasting more than 1,000 competitive athletes.

"Mostly you hear of winning teams from Santa Clara, Walnut Creek and Riverside," said Lisa's father, Robert Portney. "These are kids who don't go to school, who swim six, seven days a week. In all the years I've been doing this, I've never heard of anyone from this area winning," he said.

Lisa Portney's team outswam the second-place Santa Clara Aquamaids and third-place Suncoast Waterworks with their four-and-a-half minute Polynesian-inspired routine, scoring points for technical merit and artistic composition.

"It's incredible!" said Lisa Portney of the win, just hours after learning that her team captured the gold in her age group.

Asked how she manages to keep precise timing with her seven teammates, Lisa's answer belies the hundreds of practice hours that transform swimming into graceful, perfectly-timed routines.

"There are counts to the music. You can just do it," she said.

Tuesday's win was the culmination of months of training, followed by local, regional and zone championships.

Lisa followed her older sister Chelsea, now 17, into synchronized swimming. She learned to swim at the Andover YMCA at age 5 and both girls swam with the local synchronized swim team Andover/North Andover Synchers before becoming members of the New Canaan team.

The girls have been shuttling back and forth between their home on Hearstone Place in Andover and New Canaan for years, making the 360-mile round trip with their parents.

Of her Connecticut teammates, Lisa says, "They're my best friends, really. We just work and have fun."

Tuesday's victory was sweet, but there's little time to rest. The girls will soon travel to San Diego for the 2005 United States Open Synchronized Swimming Championships July 11-16, an elite-level international competition.



Lisa Portney (right), here with sister and fellow synchronized swimmer Chelsea, earned a gold medal at the US Nationals with her team of 14- and 15-year-olds.

Lisa dreams of attending Stanford and qualifying for the US National Team. "I'd love to go to the Olympics," she said.

Both Portney girls attend Brooks Academy in North Andover, and in addition to swimming, Lisa also plays violin, piano and guitar and is an active member of Temple Emmanuel.

The sisters compete as a duet, as well as performing on separate teams. Their duet was to compete Wednesday, after *Townsmen* deadline. Chelsea plans to continue swimming, in some form, when she goes to college.

"They're both spectacular athletes," said their father, adding "the girls are very, very fast."

But he doesn't take credit for their swimming prowess, deferring instead to the girls' mother, Stacey Channing. "I barely swim. They didn't get this from me, that's for sure," he said.

Wheels in motion at skate park

By Greta Cuyler

Andover's skateboard park, located behind West Middle School, is now open Tuesday through Saturday noon to 7 p.m.

Visitors to the park will pay \$5 for a one-time use pass or residents can pay \$35 for a season pass.

This year, the park boasts \$4,000 worth of renovations,

including reconstructed ramps and ramps that have been reinspected for safety, said Youth Services Director Bill Fahey.

Once school starts again in September, skate-park hours will change from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Youth services plans to invite professional skateboarders for demonstrations over the summer, once in July and August

each, said Fahey. The Nike team visited the park last Saturday, one of only three stops it makes on the East Coast.

Private skateboard lessons are available at \$25 per hour and group lessons cost \$10 per hour with a maximum of 10 students per class. The park is available for birthday-party rentals by calling 978-623-8241.

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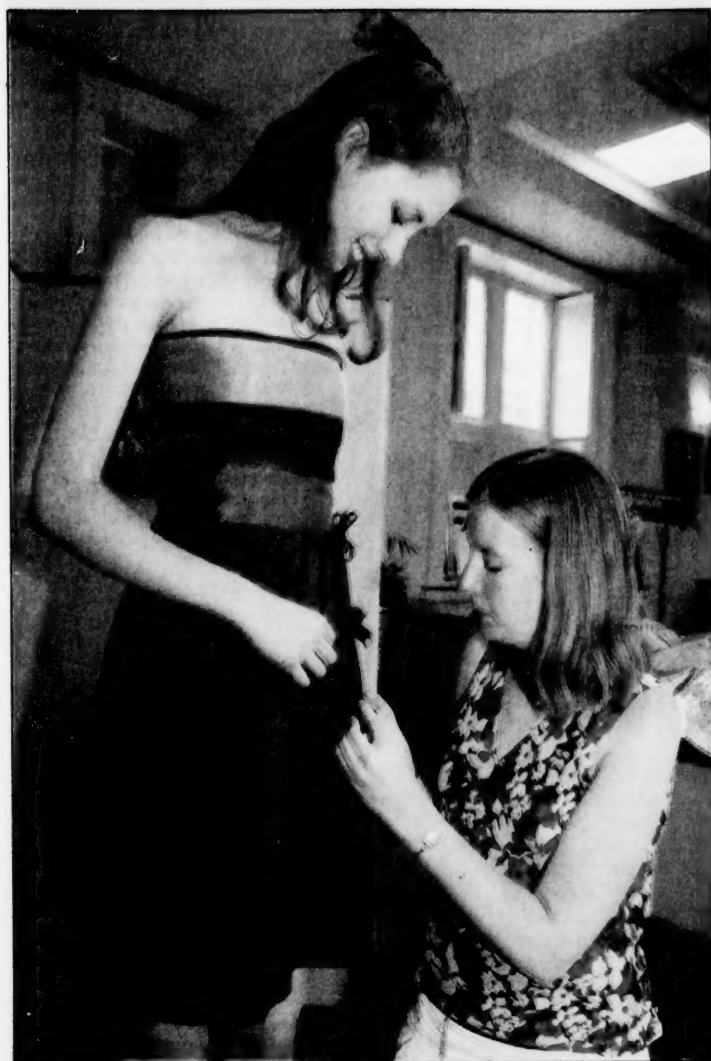
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WILD PREPARATION



Trevor Sanders (top photo, at left) has eyeliner applied by Amanda Weldin, while Wendy Mellin (bottom photo, at left) has last-minute bows added to a dress made by Kara McCall as models were prepared for the annual "Keep It Wild" fashion show. It was held Thursday in Old Town Hall, and sponsored by Andover Youth Services.

Youth programs slide into summer at Fenway

By Judy Wakefield

Opening Day for the Andover Youth Services summer program was a trip to Fenway Park.

It's the 10th summer of fun for hundreds of Andover youth who have completed grades six, seven, eight or nine. AYS kicked off its summer season yesterday, Wednesday, June 29 as 40 kids saw the Red Sox play the Cleveland Indians from the bleacher seats. Each kid paid \$50 for the trip.

The trip to Fenway is one of more than 70 summer programs offered by AYS this summer and many have already filled up.

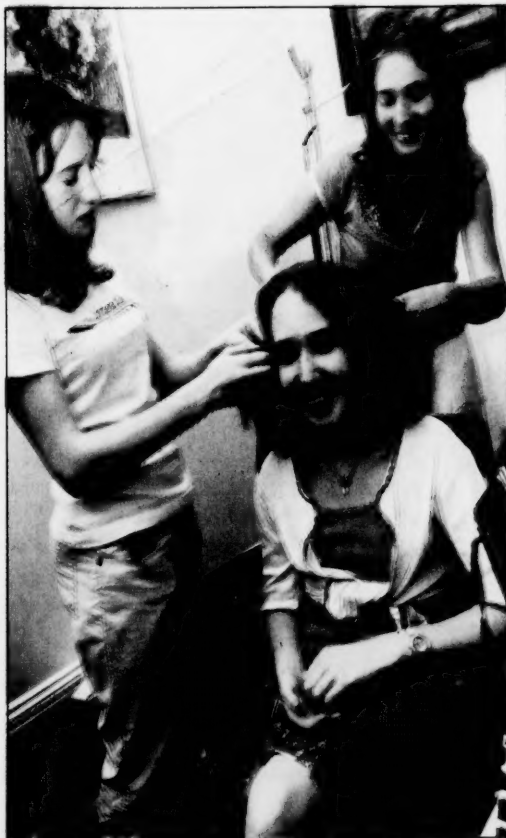
Yesterday's trip to Boston filled quickly as the AYS summer season officially opened. Unfortunately, nine wait-listed kids did not get to go, but a first-come-first-serve management style is the only way to handle the large number of kids who sign up for events.

The No. 2 trip listed in the AYS summer catalog suffers from the same popularity. "Go With the Flow," a watertube day trip to the Pemigewasset River, also attracted lots of kids. The \$30-per-person trip was limited to 40 kids, filled quickly, and left three kids on the wait-list.

In summers gone by, parents and teens would camp out on the steps of the AYS to secure a spot in a certain program. But that changed two years ago when AYS switched to mail-in registration only. Kids came up

with attractive designs and messages on their envelopes in hopes of getting immediate attention. Those designs and messages caught the eye of AYS Director Bill Fahey but he stood firm on his first-come, first-served policy. Registrations that were not properly postmarked were not accepted.

Fahey and the rest of his senior staff were at a youth leadership training this week and unavailable for comment before *Townsmen* press time regarding upcoming trips.



Betsy Cohen (seated) has her hair styled by Sarah York (left) and Daria Tchessalova before the "Keep It Wild" show. Youth Services is now offering its summer program.

Putting for dough, for Jake

Golfers can help disabled residents in group homes

By Neil Fater

Andover resident Jake Scileppi, 27, has cerebral palsy, and is a spastic quadriplegic, deaf and blind in one eye.

And he will benefit from a round of golf at the Andover Country Club on July 18.

He won't play, but the sports fan will benefit from the money raised through the event, called "The Jake" Golf Tournament. Greens fees will help the Seven Hills Foundation, a non-profit agency serving disabled children and adults, to expand a Groton facility that serves hundreds of people.

John Scileppi, Jake's father and Seven Hills' vice president of national philanthropy, has organized the event, which will benefit from the help of hockey legend Bobby Orr and movie star Matt Damon. Damon has previously donated a van to a Seven Hills home in Andover.

But John Scileppi says that Jake is his hero.

"He's like encapsulated in a vat of molasses," he says, describing some of his son's challenges. "But he's a brave guy."

"He's had a hip removed; one, two, three tendon-release operations, a scoliosis operation, a tendon in his arm fixed — and he has a tremendous disposition."

Both John Scileppi and his ex-wife Olivia talk about the smile they see on Jake's face when he is enjoying himself. The cash raised by the golf tournament will help keep that smile shining bright.

The golf tournament will raise money to expand Seven Hills' Groton Pediatric Nursing Home, which John Scileppi describes as "a long term care facility for most extreme cases." But this effort will also create a dental clinic for hundreds like Jake Scileppi who are living in Seven Hills facilities throughout Massachusetts. Jake Scileppi is one of 62 disabled residents in the Merrimack Valley living in small group homes in residential neighborhoods operated by Seven Hills. He lives on Juniper Road with three other men, assisted by a staff of 12, which allows for 24-hour care. There are three Seven Hills homes in Andover, including one that serves five people on Kirkland Drive and another for four people on Kathleen Drive.

The Scileppis offer praise for the work done at Seven Hills.

Olivia Scileppi says the first few years that her son was in a group home were difficult, but now that Jake is on Juniper Road she recommends all parents of such children commit to the idea as soon as they can. She praises the Juniper Road home's new director and assistant director for their work.

"The best thing in my life right now is that he is two miles down the



road from me," says Olivia Scileppi. "It will never be home, but it is the closest thing to home."

"Jake is 27 years old. He's bigger than I am," she says. "I have the luxury of seeing him every day, taking him out in the van, and yet I don't have to do the physical part of it, because I physically can't."

FROM GULLS TO GOLF

"The Jake" Golf Tournament this year relaunches a previous fund-raising effort that ran throughout the 1980s. In 1981, Katie Scanlon, then a Hampton Beach lifeguard and the Scileppis' babysitter, decided to sponsor a swim to the Isles of Shoals. Scanlon, whose married name is Katie LeBlanc, wanted to tackle the challenge and help buy a communications board for Jake, the youngest of four Scileppi children and the only boy.

The event raised more than \$2,000, and earned Jake a better way to inform people about his needs.

LeBlanc was happy to help, but remembers the swimmers had to fight with a small offshore island's lone inhabitants.

"We were greeted by seagulls. That wasn't too much fun," she laughs. "We were swimming to these little islands. The closest one was inhabited by seagulls and they were like, 'What are you doing here?' We didn't stay long."

Organizers tried swimming different courses in following years, and then the annual event became a golf tournament. After the first year, the money benefited other local children with disabilities. For instance, it brought air conditioning to a home in Lawrence, and chairlifts to a van for disabled kids, said John Scileppi.

When John Scileppi moved to Manhattan, the golf tournament went on hiatus. Now, he is back and so is the tournament.

LeBlanc, currently a youth minister with three kids under age 11, says she now has a much better understanding of the importance of a Seven Hills home for parents such as the Scileppis.

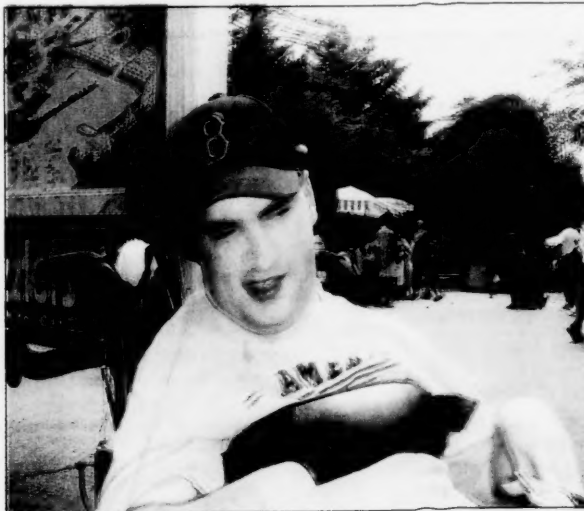
"You don't realize how much your life is blessed," said LeBlanc. "I don't like the term special needs. It's an all-consuming child."

"There's a new appreciation for me — now that I have kids of my own — for what (the Scileppis) were going through," says LeBlanc. "If anyone out there is looking to make a difference through their dollars, this would certainly be making a difference."

And the donors won't have to fight seagulls.

Those interested in challenging the seagull-free water hazards of Andover Country Club at "The Jake" Golf Tournament on Monday, July 18 can call John Scileppi at 1-508-826-1354, or e-mail him at jscileppi@sevenhills.org. People can also contact him to make donations or for more information.

Registration will be at 6:30 a.m. at the ACC on Canterbury Street, with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m., and a scramble format. The donation cost is \$250 for individual golfers and \$900 for foursomes. There will be a continental breakfast, with a luncheon, prizes and awards following the golf tournament.



"The Jake" event is named after Jake Scileppi, who lives in one of three Seven Hills homes in Andover for people with special needs.

Scout hopes his play on peer pressure will help youth...

By Rita Savard

When police stormed in to arrest the teenage boy, not a single spectator stirred. Darren McRoy, the 17-year-old who wrote and produced the scenes playing out in front of them, hopes the hush meant his story hit home.

Almost a year in the making, McRoy's play *Tyler*, focusing on one boy's struggle with peer pressure, was unveiled at all three Andover middle schools this month. His work was motivated by a requirement to finish one last Eagle Scout project, but his choice of subject matter, according to his scout master, was "very atypical."

"Scouts usually build bridges in the woods," says Steve Hinds, McRoy's scoutmaster. "Darren wanted to do something different. The whole purpose of the project is to show leadership abilities that will prepare a scout for life in the real world. Darren shows a tremendous amount of motivation and I think kids will take advantage of the knowledge they gained from his play."

When brainstorming ideas for every scout's largest and most involved project, McRoy not only wanted to do something novel, but also wanted to feel closely connect-

ed to the work.

"A lot of other projects I heard about were blazing trails and preventing erosion," McRoy says. "All of that is important, but that type of work didn't really fit with my per-

sonality."

A member of the Andover High School Drama Guild and the South Church Players, McRoy has acted in several theater productions

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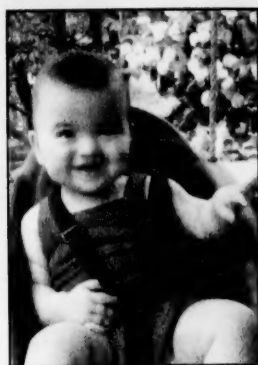
Andover High School junior Brian Bevacqua (on ground) plays the title character in *Tyler*, a play written by Eagle Scout Darren McRoy. The play is meant to warn middle-school students about the dangers of peer pressure so they will know the pitfalls of going along.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Hailey Nicole
Doherty

Hailey Nicole Doherty celebrated her first birthday June 17. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Phil Doherty of Andover. Grandparents are William and Nancy Gabriel of Andover and Joseph and Barbara Doherty of Billerica. Hailey is a friendly, happy girl. Her favorite thing to do is play with her big sisters Emily, 7, and Kira, 5.



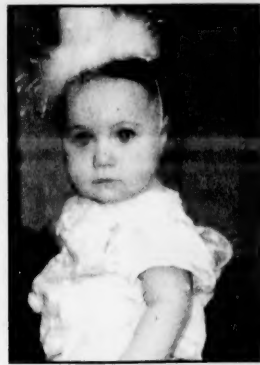
Sophie Paige
Gilligan

Sophie Paige Gilligan celebrated her first birthday on June 11. She is the daughter of Michelle and Brian Gilligan of Andover. Grandparents are Madeleine and Paul Pelletier of Bedford, and Elsa and Don Gilligan of Bronx, N.Y. Sophie likes to play, have her parents read to her, and go for walks.



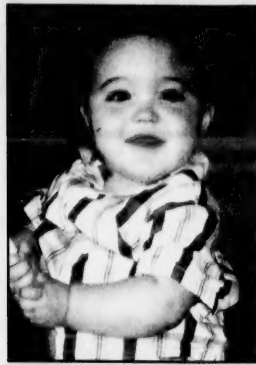
Caroline Grace
Getty

Caroline Grace Getty turned 1 on June 24. She is the daughter of Cathy and Lenny Getty of North Main Street. Grandparents are George and Jane Ellen LaCroix of Holden, and Carol Getty of Woburn. Caroline loves talking on the phone, singing, dancing and playing with her big brother Kyle, 6, and sister Natalie, 8. She also loves to feed her snacks to her dog, Solo.



Sarah Rose
Long

Sarah Rose Long celebrated her first birthday on June 4. She is the daughter of Andrew Long and Maria Ventullo of Andover. Grandparents are Nicholas and Rose Ventullo of Woburn, and Richard and Dora Long of Largo, Fla. Sarah is determined and playful. She enjoys laughing with her brother, Michael, 3, dancing and rubbing noses, chasing and hugging her cats, and sorting her toys.



Benjamin James
Novelline

Benjamin James Novelline turned 1 on June 7. He is the son of W. Thomas and Deborah (Soltesz) Novelline of Scituate. Grandparents are Bill and Eileen Novelline of Andover, and Peggy Soltesz of Cohasset. Great-grandmother is Mary Novelline of Burlington. Benjamin enjoys playing with his sister, Lucie, 4.



Damien Andrew Goncalves
Nunes

Damien Nunes celebrated his first birthday June 17. He is the son of Joseph and Anne Nunes of Elm Street. Grandparents are Paul and Judith Happ of Lake Forest, Ill. Damien enjoys playing with his sister, Allison, 6, and his dog, Kramer, swimming and speed crawling. His infectious smile is loved by all.



Anna Louise
Lazzarino

Anna Louise Lazzarino turned 1 on June 18. She is the daughter of Jeff and Teri Lazzarino of Wellesley. Grandparents are Carolyn and Frank Lazzarino, formerly of Andover, and Elinor and Barry Adler of Wayland. Anna enjoys playing with her sister, Alexandra, 2½. Anna has a sweet demeanor. She's forever smiling. Her favorite toy is a cellphone, which she uses to say, "Hi Mama, Hi Dada, Hi Pop." She is very attached to her "Lambly" blanket.



Morgan Grace
Nuskys

Morgan Grace Nuskys turned 1 on June 6. She is the daughter of Kevin and Kirstin Nuskys of George Street. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick N. Nowell III of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Nuskys of Scottsdale, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick N. Nowell Jr. of Andover, and Mrs. Ruth Nuskys of Hamilton, Ohio. Morgan's brother, Connor, 3, helped her blow out her birthday candles.



Lily Mae
Wennik

Lily Mae Wennik turned 1 on June 23. She is the daughter of Marten and Kimmy Wennik of Phillips Academy. Grandparents are Joe and Inga Wennik of Newburyport, Catherine Eurich of Baltimore, Md., and John H. Eurich, also of Baltimore. Lily loves playing with her brothers, Zach, 5½, and Jake, 4, swinging on the swings, splashing in the tub, and giving hugs.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center
Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Exercise Registration: We are still accepting sign-ups for the summer semester of exercise classes. The summer semester will run through Aug. 26. Class schedules and fees are available at the center for the following offerings: yoga, men's exercise, Tai Chi, square dance, aerobics, strength-training for women, water workout, easy exercise and tap dancing.

Cardio Circuit Training: We are offering two six-week summer sessions of Cardio Circuit Training for women at Shapes By Design. The early summer session will run through July 16. Cost is \$45 and no membership fee is required. This special price is available only for those signing up through the senior center.

Portsmouth Harbor Cruise: Enjoy a 90-minute cruise of Portsmouth Harbor on July 25, followed by time to explore the restaurants, shops and the harbor district of Portsmouth. The trip offers some great photo opportunities - lighthouses, mansions, forts and submarines - so bring your camera. Cost of the trip is \$30, which includes transportation from the center.

Pennsylvania Dutch Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country the weekend of Aug. 26-28. The cost includes hotel accommodations (double occupancy), meals, farmer's market, dinner theater, tours, and transportation from the center. Cost is \$350 and a 50 percent deposit was needed by June 1 to secure a spot.

Easy Exercise: A nine-week session of easy exercise will get underway Thursday, June 30 at 1:30 p.m. If you're looking for a gentle form of exercise with lots of support, this might be the class for you. Cost of the session is just \$27, so come on and exercise where it's cool.

Hiking Group: Alice Friedenson and Marcia O'Donnell will lead a series of four guided hikes through Harold Parker and AVIS reservations on Thursday mornings in July. Anyone who is interested in participating or getting more information is asked to attend an orientation meeting at the center today, Thursday, at 8 a.m.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, Part D: On Friday, July 15 at 9:30 a.m., a representative from the local Social Security office will be at the center to discuss the upcoming changes in Medicare prescription drug coverage. This new benefit, which will go into

effect in January, will allow some seniors to cut their medication bills in half as well as allow seniors to obtain extra help to pay for the annual deductible, premiums and co-payments related to this new program. This forum is free of charge, but reservations would be appreciated. Call the center if you would like to attend.

Chicken Barbeque: The senior center will host a chicken barbeque on Sunday, July 17 at 1 p.m. We'll be cooking up chicken and burgers on the grill, along with garden salad, corn on the cob, watermelon, potato salad, dessert and beverages. Tickets are just \$8 (advance purchase only); no tickets will be sold at the door.

Garden Tours: We invite you to enjoy touring some of Andover's loveliest home gardens on the following dates: On Tuesday, July 5 we will visit the home of Belva Hopkins to enjoy viewing annuals, perennials, roses and waterfall gardens. Rain date is July 7. On July 19 we will visit the garden of Carol Livingston, which is a national display garden for daylilies. Rain date is July 21. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is necessary.

Music Appreciation - "The Art of the Symphony": This will be a four-part exploratory series for the novice as well as

the experienced music lover. A detailed analysis of the most famous symphonies composed by Brahms, Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn will be presented along with highlights of Greater Boston concerts and the summer broadcasts by the Boston Symphony Orchestra from Tanglewood. Cost of the course is \$20 and advance registration is necessary. Begins Monday, July 11 at 2 p.m.

Weight Management: Are you still trying to shed that winter weight? If you're sick of counting calories and would like to learn alternative techniques for weight loss, this six-week class might be for you. Class begins Tuesday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. Add on our easy exercise class for an additional \$10. Pre-registration is necessary prior to the first class.

"Improving Your Photographic Eye": This is an intermediate class for anyone who has a camera (digital, automatic or manual) and wants to learn about composition, lighting, capturing subjects, etc. The "hands-on" course will be taught by professional photographer Deb Venuti and will include lots of tips and tricks on how to take better photographs. This will be a six-week course beginning Thursday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Book Club: Our summer book discussion will get underway on Thursday, July 14 when we will discuss the book *Rena-tio's Luck* by Jeff Shapiro. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the senior center at the beginning of July.

"Tips for the Late Blooming Handywoman": Ladies, do you wish you had a handyman to fix all those little jobs? On Monday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m., learn about a few simple rules and a few simple tools, and you can save money and do it yourself. This workshop series will be non-threatening, hands-on, and completely informal. You'll be under the capable direction of fix-it-shop volunteer and lifelong "do-it-yourself-er" Marion Wohlhieter. There is no charge, but spaces are limited. Pre-registration is necessary.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, July 11 at 1 p.m., we invite everyone to watch the recent release, *The Aviator*. Winner of five Academy Awards and three Golden Globes, this visually spectacular epic tells the story of Howard Hughes, one of the 20th century's most compelling figures. No charge; all are welcome.

FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS



Albert and Evelyn Retelle of the Merrimack Valley Bird Club recently served as judges for Bedford Center for the Arts' (BCA) Project Birdhouse, a design-and-build exhibition and silent auction. The Retelles, pictured beside one winning entry, were chosen by BCA as judges because he teaches about birds at Middlesex Community College's MILES program and she is a science teacher. BCA is a nonprofit organization for residents in and around Bedford who wish to support and enjoy the arts.

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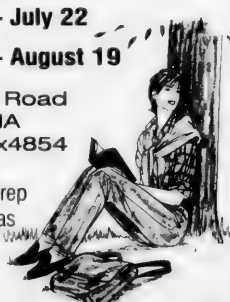
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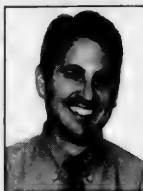
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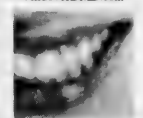
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OBITUARIES

Carmen Mendoza

Carmen Elena Urbano de Mendoza of Andover, died Sunday, June 26.

Known as "Mele," she was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. She came to the United States with her husband and two daughters in 1988, and they settled in Andover.

Carmen Mendoza

Ms. Mendoza was a professional artist. Her works were exhibited throughout the United States and abroad. Her pieces showed her broad range of abilities in every medium, from painting and sculpture, to print-making.

Her family said she loved life and lived day by day, appreciating every moment.

"She always found beauty in unexpected places and was endlessly curious about everything," they said. "She was also wise and funny, and loved to laugh; which she did often. Her greatest gift, among her countless talents, was her ability to create beauty from the simplest ele-

ments. Everything she touched was transformed into something of exquisite beauty. She was an extraordinary mother and wife, always loving, caring, and strong."

Members of her family include her parents, Mercedes Teresa and Leopoldo Urbano; her husband, Juan Manuel Mendoza; her daughters, Daniela Elena and Adriana Isabel; her brothers, Leopoldo, Guillermo, Gustavo, and the late Alfredo; her sister, Mercedes Elena; and her brothers-in-law, Rodrigo, Cristobal, Leopoldo, and Jose Mendoza.

Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St., North Reading, on Tuesday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Philanthropy Department of the Lahey Clinic, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.

Arrangements are by the Cota Funeral Home, North Reading.

Mary G. Hughes

Homemaker lived in Andover since 1987

Mary G. (Lee) Hughes, 88, of Andover and formerly of Marshfield, died at home on Friday, June 24.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Hughes graduated from Boston schools.

She was a homemaker and lived in Andover since 1987.

She was the widow of Paul E.

Hughes.

Members of her family three daughters, Geraldine Pooler of South Carver, Virginia Hughes of Andover, and Patricia Hughes of Lawrence; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Eleanor Nicholson.

Arrangements were by the McDonald Funeral Home, Marshfield.

Joseph A. Demuyser

Was known for his sense of humor

Joseph A. Demuyser, 84, of Andover, died Wednesday, June 22, at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Demuyser was born, raised and educated in Lawrence. He attended Lawrence High School.

He served during World War II in both the United States Army and Air Force.

Mr. Demuyser worked for American Woolen as a mule spinner, and then at Craig Systems as a welder until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Fellowship Bible Church in Methuen.

He greatly enjoyed fishing on Plum Island, swimming and relaxing in the sun. He also

enjoyed gardening in his free time.

His unique, creative sense of humor is among the qualities that will be remembered by those who knew him best. He will be dearly missed, his family said.

Members of his family include his wife of 62 years, Rita A. Demuyser; a son, Arthur J. Demuyser of Pennsylvania; a daughter, Sandy and her husband Leo Poirier of Andover; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Arrangements were by the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 South Broadway, Lawrence.

George H. Geary

Drafting supervisor retired from Western Electric

George H. Geary, 82, of Andover, died unexpectedly on Friday, June 24, at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born Sept. 29, 1922, in Methuen, the son of the late Thomas H. and Emma H. (Kershaw) Geary.

He graduated from Edward F.

Searles High School in Methuen.

He served in the US Army Air Force as a second lieutenant and fighter pilot during World War II.

After the war, he graduated from Northeastern University in Boston and received a degree in drafting.

He worked at Western Electric in North Andover for more than 30 years until his retirement, and was most recently a supervisor in drafting.

He was a member of Western Electric's Pioneers Club.

Mr. Geary was a loving husband and devoted father and grandfather, his family said. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandson, Adam "A.J." Gulla.

He also enjoyed building and flying remote controlled model airplanes.

Members of his family include his wife, Bruna (Sisti) of Andover, with whom he celebrated his 56th year of marriage on June 19; a daughter, Paula and her husband James Gulla of Sandown, N.H.; a sister, Claire Barnaby of Raytown, Mo.; his grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also the brother of the late Alice Kutovitz, Marion Perrault, Ruth Altott and Robert Geary.

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Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offering free six-week support group designed especially for young widow and widowers, Tuesdays through Aug. 16, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

Bereavement - Loss of spouse, special support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, six weeks, began June 1, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., Joslin Conference Room (across from gift shop), Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; Nancy Kidd 978-552-4572.

Bereavement - Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

Bereavement - Renew, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

Bereavement - Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Bereavement - Samaritans, information night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

Bereavement - Surviving the Death of a Loved One, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

Bereavement - Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

Bereavement - Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteers organization sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed for at least 18 months, for its training program; Lori Maguire 978-475-5556.

Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, non-sectarian mutual help organization during bereavement and readjustment period, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., A "moving-on" group for persons widowed longer, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Francine Fuller 978-475-8186

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75 Years Ago - 1930

Gift bequests amounting to \$1,638,500 made to Phillips Academy during the past year were announced last Friday afternoon by the headmaster, Dr. Alfred E. Sterns, clerk of the board of trustees, at the annual luncheon of the P.A. Alumni Association.

Children's Day was observed at the South Church on Sunday, with the pupils of the church school taking part in the morning service. Certificates of promotion and awards for perfect attendance were given out; plants were distributed and the rite of baptism was administered.

Four chickens were killed early Sunday morning by a dog that entered the coop of James Page of 8 Dufton Road. Two were taken away by the dog.

Miss Helen MacDonald, laundress at Abbot Academy, sailed from Boston Sunday on the Cunard liner *Seythia* for Scotland, her native land, where she will spend the summer months with friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Fallon of Summer Street has completed her first year at Burdett College.

A fine time was enjoyed by about 150 young people in Punchard Hall on Monday evening when an entertainment and dance was held under the auspices of the baseball association. At the conclusion of the concert, the floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed until half past 11.

A shower and luncheon was given Tuesday at the Andover Manse on Main Street by the Shawshen Village school teachers in honor of Miss Roxanne Smith, who will be married in the late summer to Earl Anderson of Woburn. During the evening, Miss Anne Harnedy, on behalf of the Shawshen teachers, presented Miss Smith with a purse of gold.

The appalling toll of deaths from drowning during the recent heat wave in New England should serve as a warning to all local bathers to take no chances when in the water. As often as possible, swimmers should go to supervised bathing places, but all who enter the water any-

where, whether in lake, river or ocean, should have companions nearby who are capable of going to their rescue in the case of need.

50 Years Ago - 1955

Ten Andover boys and girls were among the 21 students of Pike School who received graduate or "associate graduate" diplomas Tuesday in exercises at Peabody House, Phillips Academy.

The drivers' training course has been very popular with the students ever since it was started at school. Students receive 20 weeks of class instruction using a special textbook, and 12 hours in the school's training car - six hours of driving and six hours of observation. Because of the large registration for the class, only seniors were allowed to go for their licenses this year.

The Punchard chapter of the Honor Society visited North Andover High School on June 8. The members toured the new building and had a short meeting in the auditorium where the presidents of the societies told of the work they had done this year. The other schools invited were Haverhill, and Tenney High School in Methuen.

The French student Françoise Louis, a senior, will soon be leaving Punchard to return to her family in France. She wishes to express her thanks to all the teachers and students who have opened their hearts to her this past year. She stated that she will miss all her friends, but she hopes to return to the United States in a few years to be a teacher.

The Punchard All Girls' Band enjoyed a picnic at Crane Beach on June 23.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Marruzi of Hall Avenue, with the president, Mrs. Henry Meyers, presiding.

Donald Milligan received an award for nine years of perfect attendance. Eight-year winner was Warren Russell.

At a special assembly held Tuesday in the auditorium of Shawshen School, Officer Raymond Collins presented awards of merit to members of the

school safety patrol.

Pack 71 of Shawshen Cub Scouts enjoyed a cookout at Wild Rose Farm last Saturday, with 30 clubs attending. Competing in a field of 600, Shawshen and West Elementary schools took top honors in the annual field day, sponsored by the physical education department of the Andover school system.

25 Years Ago - 1980

Industrial acreage in the West Andover Industrial Park will be reduced to a few smaller tracts when Digital Equipment Corp. completes agreements to purchase the Polaroid building and an additional 102 acres abutting the property.

It's a bittersweet end of school for Doherty youngsters as they escape for the summer, knowing they won't be back to Doherty during their elementary years.

Alterations to Phillips Academy valued at \$2,125,000 and to the academy's hockey rink at \$90,000 were among the permits for additions and alterations issued last month.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Volpe Construction Co. on June 11, Peter J. Volpe was promoted from assistant treasurer and elected a director of the corporation.

The Andover Recycling Committee will receive aluminum cans and trays on Saturday behind the town hall. Clean TV dinner trays and all aluminum cans from soft drinks and beer can be sold and reused.

Andover has received \$420,702 in the fourth and final distribution of state funds for the current fiscal year.

Selectmen, acting as the sewer commissioner, approved a connection Monday night for a lot at 4 Lincoln Circle East for Dr. Glen Gulezian.

The creation and appointment of an Arts Council for the town will result in a slight amendment to the administrative code.

Effective Tuesday, July 1, the new telephone number for the Elder Affairs Division of the Andover Department of Community Services will be 470-0870.

The 1980 Ski and Skate Sale will be held earlier this year, Oct. 1 to 4 at Pike School on Sunset Rock Road. Proceeds will benefit the Christ Church Handicapped Nursery.

The Poms Pond Recreation Area opened for the season on Saturday, June 21.

10 Years Ago - 1995

TCI Cablevision may be losing some customers - to itself. Arriving in the mail at many Andover homes last week was information about Primestar, a growing satellite service partially owned by TCI.

The July 4 holiday falls on a Tuesday this year. In Andover there will be a Horribles Parade, a pancake breakfast in the Park and fireworks, although the place for fireworks has yet to be determined.

Baseball Star is a fast-hitting tale about the Andover All-Stars versus the Mudville Bad Guys with Killer McGrew shining on the emerald diamond. The author, Fred Arrig, a Farnham Street resident, says his book was born out of a bedtime story he tells his youngsters.

A Lowell man struck by a car on River Road Sunday, June 4, died this week from his injuries. And the 81-year-old Tewksbury motorist who struck him is being charged with motor vehicle homicide.

The state is about to start building a facility on Berry Pond in Harold Parker State Forest that would house a changing room for swimmers, a warming room for ice skaters and cross-country skiers, and bathrooms that could be used year-round.

In the fall of 1963, the Blue Devil was banished from Andover High School sports and the Andover Golden Warrior was born. Now the School Committee will decide whether it's time to put that old soldier to rest as well. Because many believe the symbol is demeaning to Native Americans, students have asked the committee to change the logo, which features the silhouette of a Native American with a headdress.

- Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Noelle Petrillo

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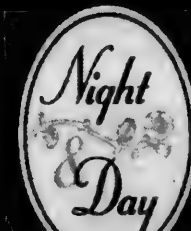
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Education

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Two Andover students, **Susannah M. Araujo** and **Mary K. Fallon**, recently graduated from Stonehill College in Easton.

Andover resident **Jessica Sannella** graduated from Nazareth Academy where she is a member of the class of 2005. Sannella was vice president of her class and also vice president of student government. She was involved in choir, and held varsity letters in soccer and tennis.



Jessica Sannella

Sannella was presented with the Caritas Christi Christian Service Award at Nazareth's award ceremony. She will attend Boston College in the fall to study communications.

Salem State College held its undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 21 in the O'Keefe Sports Complex. Of the 897 graduating students, undergraduate degrees were awarded to Andover residents **Kelly Couture** and **Timothy Kevin Fitzpatrick**.

Salem State also held its graduate commencement ceremony May 19 in the O'Keefe Complex.

Graduate degrees were conferred on the following Andover residents: **Dianne Maria Caraviello**, **John Gabriel**, **JoAnn Lakow**, **Sarah Elizabeth Lentz**, **Andrea Marie Merryman** and **Rita T. Nisco**.

The Middlesex Community College Foundation awarded \$5,000 scholarships to two MCC students who will attend UMass Lowell.

Joseph Robles of Andover was awarded a scholarship at the Foundation's annual Celebrity Forum dinner, held May 16 in MCC's Federal Building on the Lowell campus.



Joseph Robles

Robles was enrolled in MCC's Lowell Connections Program. The partnership program between MCC and UMass Lowell offers students who apply to UMass but don't meet university admission requirements, the opportunity to improve their academic standing at MCC with customized advising, academic

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Left photo: Michael Briggs steadies himself on a horse in Ironstone Farm's therapeutic horse-riding program, assisted by Emma Bernays. In the photo at right, Michael (accompanied by his brother, Christopher) and other riders can approach their horses much more easily these days, thanks to the 32-foot-long ramp built by students at the Greater Lawrence Technical School. The ramp is also in the photo at left. Last week, the students' work at Ironstone Farm earned the GLTS students the highest award in a national skills competition.



Ramping up to a national award

Tech School students ride to the rescue of Ironstone Farm's clients

By Rita Savard

CLIMBING ONTO THE BACK of a tan-and-white Halflinger pony, Michael Briggs is suddenly transformed.

The 8-year-old makes every effort to sit up straight and flashes his mother a toothy grin before taking control of the reins.

"It gives him a sense of confidence," whispers his mom, Kim Briggs.

Now Michael and many

other riders in Ironstone Farm's therapeutic horse-riding program are receiving an extra boost — emotionally and physically — thanks to students' efforts at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

GLTS students' yearlong community-service project led to this month's unveiling of a new handicapped accessible mounting ramp at Ironstone. The 32-foot-long ramp, built from a sturdy, weather resistant

plastic, replaces the farm's outdated portable staircase. The ramp's construction was just one part of the community-service project called "Walk With Me. Talk With Me." that students completed at the farm. Their endeavor earned GLTS the highest award last week in a national skills competition featuring career and technical students representing schools in 48 separate states. Students from 14 different career majors were

involved in the GLTS effort.

Ironstone is a 14-acre farm at 450 Lowell St. and has a herd of 35 German-bred Halflinger ponies that offer an alternative source of physical therapy for approximately 480 riders each week. About 80 percent of riders attending Ironstone have special needs, ranging from children to seniors.

The unique relationship that forms between a rider and horse leads to increased confidence,

patience and self-esteem, according to Ironstone program director Susan Farese.

"Horseback riding does have significant therapeutic benefits," Farese said. "Some of our riders are unable to walk, or some, like Michael, can walk just fine but suffer from low muscle tone. The motion experienced on the back of a horse is similar to the human gait. It can improve abilities to be flexible."

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STUDENTS' TIME CAPSULES

Shawsheen: Several vintages of bottled memories

THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS at Shawsheen Elementary School created a vessel to bridge the time-space continuum. Made from a simple five-gallon paint bucket, this vessel and its contents is a record of Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

The vessel is a time capsule. As part of Shawsheen's final school assembly, the time capsule was buried June 22 to commemorate the students' activities this year while the school was celebrating its year-long "Community" theme.

The simple idea was "uncovered," one could say.

Jay Lyons, PTO co-president and a Shawsheen graduate, attended the school when students at Shawsheen buried a time capsule in 1976. The capsule was prematurely unearthed by a child, Mitzi Permenter, when she was exploring the Shawsheen fields with a metal detector in 1988.

Mitzi studied the time capsule with her class and contacted some of the original students.

Made available by the current caretaker of the rusty box, 1976

Shawsheen graduate Larry Cheetham, current students were able to see its contents:

essays, old photographs, and a tape of the student voices.

The Shawsheen classes of

2005 took pride in preparing their time capsule, and planned to bury it next to the school

gazebo. Students decorated the capsule with colorful designs and each class selected an item to add.

Second-graders included a carefully written paragraph, and also mentioned their pet rocks and butterflies.

First-graders chronicled the year and especially remembered their terrariums and guppies.

Kindergarten students added a journal from a class bear, Beatriz, as well as photos and memories of hatching chicks.

Pre-schoolers contributed toys, a puzzle, a class book based on "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," and a watermelon-shaped hat.

Along with class lists and photos, the time capsule included a summary of world news, current prices, and students' favorite movies, food, clothing and activities.

The students all plan to return in June 2025 to dig up their time capsule and remember their early years at Shawsheen.

As for the 1976 time capsule, caretaker Cheetham is planning to put his class capsule back into the ground in September.



Students and teachers prepared to bury the decorated "time capsule" bucket at Shawsheen School.

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ON CAMPUS

■ JOSEPH ROBLES

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mic planning and special coursework.

Robles graduated from MCC with a degree in criminal justice, and will continue his education in the same field at UMass Lowell.

Lindsey Pearson graduated from Andover High School in 2000 and New York University in 2004. She is currently working as transaction coordinator for Trammell Crow Co.

Pearson has been a four-year volunteer and is currently Volunteer Coordinator for the Libby Ross Foundation (www.thelibbyrossfoundation.com/aboutus.asp), a fledgling breast cancer non-profit that will host its sixth gala this October. Pearson helped initiate the first ever Winter Warm-Up Event and is planning next month's first Summer Event.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., awarded the President's Bowl to the HWS Debate Team in a ceremony at Hirshon Ballroom on Sunday, May 1.

The team, in its first year, attended eight tournaments at other institutions, held three public debates on campus, sponsored a debate at the Geneva Middle School, and worked with the campus Salisbury Center for Career Services on a public speaking workshop series in April. The team has captured awards at nearly every tournament they have attended, placing first and second place at the Mount Holyoke College Debate in March and closing out teams from Harvard, Dartmouth, Smith and Wellesley.



Andover High graduate Lindsey Pearson took part in the Reylon Run/Walk for Women.

Team members include junior Mike Reed of Andover.

The President's Bowl award was established in 1998 to provide a way for the president of the colleges to recognize a student organization that has made "outstanding contributions to the quality of student life and the greater community," according to a press release.

The following Andover residents were recently inducted into the Providence College chapters of national honor societies in Providence, R.I.:

Matthew Keough, a member of the class of 2006 at Providence College, was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history. Keough is pursuing a degree in history.

Maureen Lothrop, a member of the class of 2005 at Providence College, was inducted into Phi Sigma Iota, the national honor society for foreign language. Lothrop is pursuing a degree in humanities and Spanish.

Lothrop was also inducted into Sigma Delta Phi, the national honor society for Spanish.

Riding to rescue

■ TECH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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to have better balance and better muscle strength."

The addition of the ramp in the farm's therapy arena benefits all riders by increasing safety and accessibility, said Ironstone's volunteers.

"It's so much easier for aides to assist riders and for riders to get up on the ponies," said Kathy Izzi, the farm's office manager. "The ramp gives our riders more independence and freedom to mount the horses and do the work."

GLTS approached the staff at Ironstone last year and asked how they could help improve the therapy environment at the farm. Once the project took off, students visited Ironstone weekly throughout the school year, learning about the farm's mission, the riders and horses, and working on a farm. The culmination of tasks from students majoring in different course studies resulted in a community project that won a gold medal in the Massachusetts Skills USA Championships. Ranking the best in the state qualified GLTS students to attend the national competition held in Kansas City, Mo. last week.

The competition, which drew an audience of about 12,000, is designed to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance, and to keep training relevant to employers' needs.

Three students presented the "Walk With Me, Talk With Me" project, representing their school. All helped build a demonstration horse, complete with "horse whinny" sound effects. They also were responsible for attracting community support, completing the handi-



COURTESY PHOTO

From left: Team captain Rafael Sanquintin, Gloriluz Rosario and Kirsi Gonzalez.

capped-approved access ramp, producing coloring books for Ironstone clients, and outfitting horses and volunteers with handmade blankets and hats.

After receiving the highest honor in the nationwide competition last Friday, Rafael Sanquintin, an office technology career major, came to school wearing the gold.

"I thought we would get silver, because I wasn't sure our book had everything we needed," said Sanquintin, 15.

When Sanquintin and teammates heard judges announcing their names, the students "screamed and jumped up and down," he said.

"I was excited, happy and I had the jitters," added Gloriluz Rosario, 17, who studies cosmetology. "It (Skills USA) has made me a better person. I've become more responsible. This is what motivates me to come to school. I'm a leader now and I must follow through."

Kirsi Gonzalez, 16, an allied health major, was also a presenter at the Skills USA competition.

The students' Skills USA advisor, Ilene Karnow of Andover, said it was the dedication and devotion of the students that earned GLTS the national honor.

During the students' trip, advisers said they were presented with the option of resting at the hotel, exploring the city or signing up for a community-service project to build a fence at an alternative high school.

"The team said, 'Sign us up' (for fence-building)," explained Barbara Parente, community-relations manager at the school. "They woke up at 4 a.m. and worked until 2 p.m., before returning to the hotel and cleaning up for the award ceremony. They are community service, through and through."

But for the students at GLTS, Parente added, the greater reward was the time spent at Ironstone.

"They got involved and they took a chance," Farese said. "They were also teachers. The lives of our staff and our riders has changed for the better because of their spirit."

BOOK REVIEW

Lassie Come-Home

BY ERIC KNIGHT

Reviewed by John Chantler and James Caron

This is the second in a series of three book reviews John and James are writing involving heroic adventures in the Animal Kingdom.

FOR DECADES, there has been one animal that has the ability to capture the hearts and captivate the minds of children and adults alike. There is one noble creature that braves danger and faces peril in the name of loyalty to the ones she loves. This magnificent animal is the famous and long-revered collie named Lassie, and she has been a popular and powerful character of television, the silver screen and, most unknown of all, literature.

In *Lassie Come-Home*, the Carraclouchs of Greenall Bridge in Yorkshire have fallen upon some tough financial times. Sam Carraclough has lost his job, and the family's savings are dwindling. For many years, the Duke of Rudling had been trying without success to buy their well-respected dog, Lassie. Now, with the family's bank account

being as it is, the Carraclouchs obviously can no longer afford to keep Lassie. Thus, they have to bid farewell to this member of their family.

Most distressed over this sale is the Carraclouchs' son, Joe. Every day after school, Lassie would come to wait for Joe so she could walk home with him. Lassie is the only real friend that Joe has. Without her, Joe's life becomes a dark, cold place without hope or refuge.

Lassie is sent to one of the Duke's remote homes in Northern Scotland, far away from the home she has known for so long. She cannot help but long for the love and compassion of the family she had grown to love. Lassie understands what she needs to do — she has to find her way home, and back to the life that she loves. So the determined pup heads off on an adventurous race against time to find her family.

Lassie Come-Home by Eric Knight is a tale of love, loyalty and the power of friendship. It is sure to touch the hearts of all who

read it, and will enchant readers of all ages, backgrounds, and genre preferences. Although *Lassie Come-Home* is a timeless tale, readers ages 9 to 12 would be the best suited audience for this novel.

Knight's distinctive tale is inspirational and uplifting. There's no question as to why the character of Lassie has continued to live on in so many media. Children from generation to generation continue to connect with the amazing dog, wishing that they were the proud owners of the heroic canine.

We give *Lassie Come-Home* by Eric Knight a 9 out of 10. It is a fantastic novel that would make a worthwhile, easy-summer read. It does a great job of examining the themes of friendship, love, and what it means to be a family. These are themes present in almost every work of fiction for young adults.

So one day this week, pick up your very own copy of *Lassie Come-Home* by Eric Knight and allow Lassie to take you on a journey.

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Protecting residents against anthrax attacks

Dr. Thomas Fuerst of Andover recently received a Distinguished Service Award from the US Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. for his work in protecting Americans against terrorist attacks.

Secretary Michael Leavitt recognized Fuerst for his outstanding performance as team leader in the development of the first Project BioShield contract. His team successfully started a program to accelerate the advanced development and acquisition of a new anthrax vaccine to protect the public against the adverse health effects following an anthrax attack.

Fuerst is director of vaccines and biologics in the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, US Department of Health and Human Services.

President George Bush's 10-year, \$6 billion Project BioShield, signed into law in July 2004, is an initiative to accelerate the research, development, and acquisition of medical countermeasures based on the most promising scientific discoveries. Project BioShield's goal is to make available modern, safe and effective drugs and vaccines to protect the nation from threats posed from biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons.

Tom and his wife, Inga Fuerst, have been

residents of Andover for six years. They have two children, Kristina, a sophomore at Andover High School, and Tommy, a seventh grader at Doherty Middle School. They are active members at Free Christian Church and strong supporters of the Boy Scouts of America.

From left to right, Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, Dr. Thomas Fuerst of Andover, HHS Deputy Secretary Alex Azar and Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Stewart Simonson.



BRIEFS

First Belko scholarship

A college scholarship named in memory of local businesswoman Joyce (Daher) Belko, has been awarded to a young woman who immigrated to the United States from Vietnam. Doan Cao, who graduated from Merrimack College last month, received the Joyce (Daher) Belko Friends of Merrimack Scholarship for 2004-05 to assist her in her last year of studies. A Lawrence High School graduate, she was the first in her family to attend college.

The endowed scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to a Merrimack business administration student residing in the Merrimack Valley. John Belko established the scholarship in memory of his wife, who lost her battle with cancer in 2003 at age 52. Following her death, many friends and associates contributed to the scholarship.

Joyce (Daher) Belko was vice president and treasurer of Daher Shoes stores in the Merrimack Valley. She was a dedicated mother, daughter and civic leader. She was also an active participant in the Friends of Merrimack College. She was serving as the president of the Friends at the time of her death and had served on its board of directors for four years prior.



Joyce (Daher) Belko's family, including son John Jr. (left), husband John Belko, and son Joshua, pose with scholarship recipient Doan Cao.

Lavoie on development council

Andover attorney Robert W. Lavoie has been elected to the board of directors of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council. The council was established in 1999 to provide a forum for communities within the Merrimack Valley to share information, develop joint strategies to address mutual challenges and ensure the interests of the Merrimack Valley are advanced effectively.

Lavoie is chairman of the Real Estate Practice Group at the law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch in Andover, where he represents commercial real estate developers, owners and buyers in land-development and land-use permitting matters including: Brownfields, Chapter 40B affordable housing and complex real estate title matters. He also represents a variety of businesses, including national and regional telecommunications and development companies, before local zoning and planning boards.

He is a member of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire bar associations, the Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association and the Massachusetts Conservation Commission's Association. Active in the community, Lavoie is the past president of the board of directors of the Yankee Clipper Council Inc. Boy Scouts of America, and currently serves on the boards of directors of Boy Scouts of America-Area 1, the Andover Chamber of Commerce, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and Merrimack Valley Legal Services. The Amesbury resident holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a law degree from Boston University School of Law.

A gold rush in jeans market

Desire for high-priced pairs leads to store's expansion, maternity jeans

By Rita Savard

When James Dean became a symbol of counterculture cool in the 1950s, so did his signature style — rugged, cheap, working-class denim.

Fifty years later, styles and price tags on the "Rebel" classic look may vary, but Dean's fashion statement continues to be a staple that one young Andover businesswoman is cashing in on.

After nine months in business selling designer labels that have been spotted on the behinds of celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Hudson and Lindsay Lohan, Jeans Addiction owner Meah Starr Kadziela just opened a larger and loftier retail space on 28 Chestnut St., ready to outfit her newest clientele — men and expecting moms.

"I was pleasantly surprised at how far the store took off in such a short amount of time," says Kadziela, whose own closet is stocked with more than 150 styles of denim. "What was more surprising is how many guys would come in regularly and ask if we carried jeans for men."

Designers have taken jeans to new heights in fashion since Dean first debuted his Levis, Kadziela says.

"Jeans have definitely come a long way from Wranglers or farmer jeans," adds the 27-year-old entrepreneur. "Paired with nice shoes and a dressy shirt, you can wear jeans just about anywhere now."

Currently, Kadziela stocks Chip and Pepper denim for men, describing it as "by far, the best butt jeans ever."

More men's styles will be available at Jeans Addiction over the next few weeks when other lines arrive on shelves including Blue 2 (a spin-off line from the Blue Cult brand popular with celebrities), Earl Jeans and Jean Paul Da'Mage denim, which is the third most popular selling jeans in the US, says Kadziela.

Jeans range in price from \$120 to about \$275, and a clearance rack showcases brands the store carries at 50 percent off the original price. Each month, a featured brand gets a price slash by 20 percent. In July, the new men's Chip and Peppers will be the featured jean of the month.

Coming in September, pregnant women will be able to leaf through racks of high-end denim from Earl Jeans and Tacto. In addition to their



Meah Starr Kadziela has moved into a larger space, at 28 Chestnut St.

ready-to-wear maternity styles, Kadziela says Jeans Addiction will customize any brand of denim the store carries per customer order.

For close to 100 years, denim was primarily for farmers and laborers. Now, styles like the designer Chip and Pepper's with hand sewn pockets seen on singer/actress Lindsay Lohan are flying off Kadzeila's clothes racks — even with pricetags around \$275.

Kadziela says that while the intersection of fashion and celebrity has had a positive impact on sales, the ultimate wearability of jeans remains their strongest selling point for women and men.

"Andover is becoming more and more stylish anyway," Kadziela explains, noting the ever-growing downtown shopping district. "I still believe women will probably spend more on shopping than men, but guys do like to be comfortable when they dress. If they can do that and get away with looking fashionable, I think they're all for it."

Jeans Addiction also sells vintage rock T-shirts, belts and designer tees. Store hours at the new location are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

'LANDMARK WORK'



Col. Daniel E. Coleman of Andover was honored at the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in Denver, Colo. Lt. Gen. George Peach Taylor, the Air Force Surgeon General, presented Coleman the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, "in recognition of his landmark work in Disaster Medicine education both to military and civilian health-care providers," said a release. Coleman is the Massachusetts State Air Surgeon and is stationed at National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, Milford. In his civilian role, Coleman is a pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine specialist and former Medical Staff president at Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen. He is a member of the Andover Board of Health, and lives in town with his wife, Peggy.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



The "Fourth of July" fireworks explode over Andover High last year. The traditional July 3 date is set again this year.

Thursday, June 30

No events listed.

Friday, July 1

Disney's *Mulan Junior*, the world premiere of the stage version written by Disney specifically to be performed by and for young people, at the North Shore Music Theatre, featuring their own Youth Performance Academy, with three Andover High School students among the 25 young performers: incoming junior Justin Colombo, sophomore Corey Desjardins and senior Christina Leber in the title role; only two performances, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., tickets \$11-17. North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.



Christina Leber plays *Mulan*.

Saturday, July 2

Phoenix Rising Peace Festival, an outdoor music festival and fundraiser for peace, with a portion of proceeds to benefit Veterans for Peace, 10 regional performers, artisans booths, kids' activities, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 on the day, half-price for students, seniors and veterans, free for children under 12, Sparhawk School Lower Campus, 259 Maple St., Amesbury, bring blankets or stadium seating; 978-834-0367.

Sunday, July 3

Andover's fireworks display, opens with a concert by the Brass Connection at 7:15 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk, the High School complex, Shawsheen Road; in the event of rain, both concert and fireworks will be held Tuesday, July 5; Mary Donohue 978-623-8274.



There will be a free gallery opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 8 for Peggy Omer's one-woman show, which features more than 50 works from the past three decades of her career. Through July 13 at Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water St., Newburyport. Call 978-388-0491 or click www.peggyomer.com.

Gallery opening reception, the North Shore Arts Association will host a reception for a new exhibit, Exhibition II & Small Paintings, 2-4 p.m., free, North Shore Arts Association, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857 or www.northshoreartsassoc.org.

Monday, July 4

Independence Day celebration, in the Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, sponsored by the Department of Community Services (DCS), pancake breakfast served up by selectmen, 8-11 a.m.; Horribles Parade lines up in front of Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. at 9 a.m., parade begins at 9:30 a.m.; games and concert ongoing from 10:30 a.m.-noon; Mary Donohue 978-623-8274.

July Fourth with Jefferson and Adams

a free public talk by Richard Padova, a seasonal interpreter and a professor at Northern Essex Community College, entitled, "Adams & Jefferson: Tied by Fate," will consider the opposing beliefs and approaches to government of the two patriots and political rivals who died on the same day - July 4, 1826 - the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, 2 p.m., free admission, free refreshments, free door prizes, Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence 978-749-4150.

Tuesday, July 5

No events listed.

Wednesday, July 6

Roman Holiday, the Summer Classic Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover continues with the 1953 comedy-romance starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck, in which Hepburn plays Princess Anne, who escapes her "caged bird" life and falls in love with a reporter (Peck) who first sees only the opportunity for a "scoop" but soon falls for the

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An orchestra of guitars

Guitar Club at Doherty produces a musical rite of passage

By Greta Cuyler

IT'S A MOTLEY CREW OF MUSICIANS, all right. There are seven boys and two girls. Some wear socks or baseball caps, and some do not. Some wear Birkenstocks, and others sneakers. Some are in jeans, while others wear shorts. A few of the boys have longer hair and an intense aura, while others have close-cropped hair styles.

It is the day before their last as Doherty Middle School students, and the members of the school's Guitar Club will have one final rehearsal together.

They sit in an organized semicircle in a music room, in front of stacked chairs, drums, crates and lockers.

Then they start to play. And this group of nine eighth-graders and their Doherty music teacher, Jeff Buckridge, come alive as they perform the guitar symphony piece composed by club member Grant Evans, age 14.

Evans' *Suite for Guitar Ensemble* starts off softly, as if it is background music. The beat slowly gets stronger and, before long, observers are tapping their feet along with the music.

If the young musicians don't look like a professional ensemble, they certainly know how to play together. They're good.

There's no evidence of teenage angst, just nine students intent on their music, the beat and each other's role in the performance.

Grant, Buckridge and the other Guitar Club members performed their piece during Doherty Middle School's graduation last Friday.

Doherty includes a student musical performance at every year's ceremony to mark students' entry into high school.

According to Evans, "Jeff (Buckridge) had the idea of doing guitars and a bunch of things from riffs I made up." So with Evans' vision of a piece with multiple sections, he and Buckridge have been working on one for more than the past month, and they finished it just days before the eighth-grade graduation ceremony. Buckridge says his role was to "orchestrate it so that the group could take it and present it."

Classmate and fellow "Guitarchestra" member Matt Sam-



Grant Evans composed "Suite for Guitar Ensemble" for Doherty Middle School's graduation this month.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

ter, has been playing guitar for four years. He and his friends formed a band called Archaeon about a year ago.

When he first started playing guitar, Evans says, he played popular music, then classic rock. Now, he's focusing on metal and hard rock. He includes Jimi Hendrix, Black Sabbath, and Guns 'N' Roses among his musical influences. He also names two contemporary metal bands, Opeth and In Flames.

Asked if he plans to make a career out of his music, this shy teenager displays a huge grin and says, "Yes!" He says he wants to be in a band with a large fan base, but "I don't see myself as a huge millionaire." And don't ask him about his TV debut. "I don't want to be on MTV or anything," he says.

Evans, who lives in Andover with his parents and older sis-

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The Doherty Middle School eighth-grade Guitar Ensemble or "Guitarchestra" includes, from left, Matt Moramarco, Adriana Lucci, Lucy Silverman and Nick D'Innocenzo. ▶

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Independence (from cooking) Day

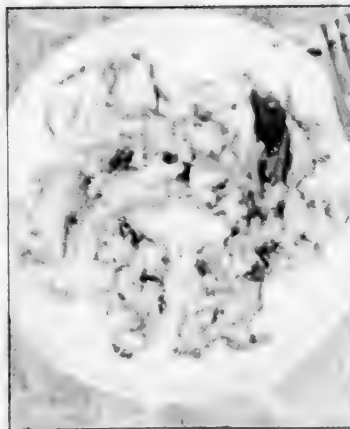
HOW DO YOU COOK FOR A COOK?

ONE OF MY FIRST FRIENDS IN BOSTON was a creative and dynamic personal chef. She invited me, along with everyone else she knew, to her annual Fourth of July bash on the nearby Esplanade. The prospect of eating Susan's gourmet food under the stars while listening to beautiful music and watching explosive fireworks seemed like the ultimate Boston July 4th experience.

What I didn't know, at the time, was that this culinary repast was going to be a potluck meal. When Susan asked whether I could provide two different salads for the picnic, my heart skipped a beat - from fear. Seriously, how do you cook for a cook? I scoured my collection of cookbooks and spent hours reading ladies' magazine recipes, searching for something, anything that might pass Susan's muster. My mother's mantra of "If you can read, then you can cook" became "Keep it simple, and for God's sake, don't use mayonnaise. It's hot outside!"

She also offered advice that involved bug spray and pepper spray, two vastly different forms of personal protection, but that is another story.

Stacking oneself up against a professional chef can be an intimidating situation. I resigned myself to making a creamy potato salad and a crunchy cucumber and onion salad and headed off to Boston's Hatch Shell. Susan spread out blankets and beach umbrellas. Everyone socialized and ate until we felt like we might burst like the evening's fireworks. All the food was delicious and everyone talked about collective terror and fear of cooking for Susan. The unanimous favorite dishes were the two that



Fireworks Potato Salad (left) and Terry's Famous July Fourth Cucumber and Onion Salad.



COURTESY PHOTOS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Terry Kay Bargar

I'd made. Now I could relax, confident that cooking for a cook meant being myself. After all, cooks are regular people, too!

The key to making great potato salad is to use spuds with a low-starch content. New potatoes, yellow Finns, Yukon golds and red potatoes all fall into the low-starch variety. Starchy potatoes absorb a lot of water when cooking, and they make - you got it - a watery, and therefore mushy salad. When buying potatoes, ask the produce people for recommendations; they know their spuds!

Potato salads can be either creamy or vinegar-based. "German style" salads usually have a dressing made from vinegar, oil and sugar, and they are served warm or at room temperature. Creamy salads have a dressing made from either mayonnaise, sour cream or yogurt and are served cold.

My potato salad is a creamy one and uses crème fraîche. This cultured cream is available at specialty food stores. If you cannot find it, then substitute sour cream or light sour cream with a bit of buttermilk.

Fireworks Potato Salad Easily serves 12

Wow, there's an explosion of color, texture, shape and flavor in this reduced-fat potato salad!

Ingredients

- 3 pounds potatoes, skins on (halved or quartered - your choice). I like to use a variety of small potatoes, such as fingerling, baby Yukon gold and baby red. Some stores carry baby purple Peruvian, but this medium-starch variety turns gray in the salad; I don't recommend it.
- 3 Tablespoons white wine vinegar (or any flavored white wine vinegar, such as champagne or tarragon)
- 1 clove fresh garlic
- 6 fresh sage leaves
- 2 large shallots
- one-half pound prosciutto
- one cup (8 ounces) crème fraîche
- 4 celery ribs, diced
- one-half red bell pepper, diced
- 2 carrots, shredded into long strips
- 2 scallions, sliced thin
- one-half cup fresh flat leaf parsley, rough chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, or more to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

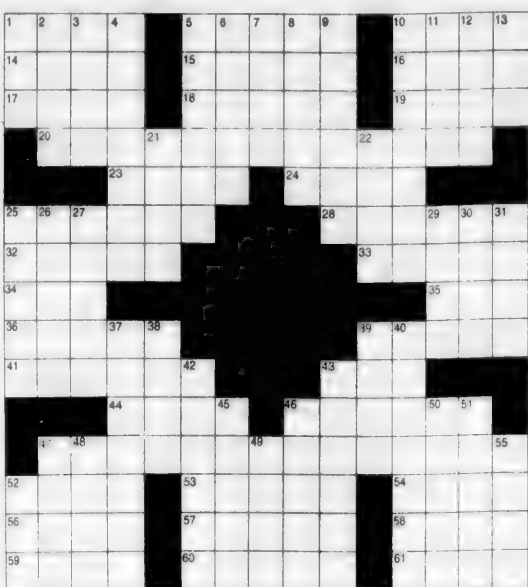
1. Place potatoes in a medium saucepan; cover with water. Bring to a boil; reduce

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Blithe
5. Sea mammals
10. Compass point
14. Restaurant's food listing
15. Not rural
16. Maintain
17. U.K. art gallery
18. Way
19. Heap
20. Did the job
23. Misplace
24. Capital
25. Register
28. Least nuts
32. Musical composition
33. Bet
34. Cavity
35. Bind
36. Finish milkshake
39. Limit
41. Its own
43. Explodes
44. Tolls
46. Doorway sign
47. Called, as in poker
52. Shock
53. Gem state
54. Alack's partner
56. Pompano
57. Lowest point
58. Occurred
59. Reasons



60. Ordain
61. Leg joint

CLUES DOWN

1. Time zone

2. Sheet
3. Opposed to
4. Fought with pistols
5. Most confident
6. Wear away

7. Adjoin
8. Machine tool
9. Scoffs
10. Wise
11. Corrupt
12. Type of buzzer
13. Before
21. Ranger
22. Slant
25. Cola
26. Tipped
27. Ballerina wear
29. Devour (2 words)
30. Shirk
31. Adolescents
37. Pays back
38. Appeal
39. Cheese
40. Steakhouse chain
42. Cat
43. Encourage
45. Litter
46. Moral principle
47. Engrave
48. Wharf
49. Pop
50. Ardor
51. Break
52. Compass pt.
55. Behold

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princess, also featuring a young Eddie Albert as a photographer. Peck draws into the scheme and then must restrain from publication; 8 p.m., free, commentary by Amy Klayman prior to film at 7:30 p.m., along with refreshments; 978-837-5355.

Thursday, July 7

Jazz in July, the Rogers Center for the Arts opens its summer series of open-air jazz concerts with local hero Joe Gori, who has been leading Haverhill High's respected and honored jazz bands and ensembles for years, 6:30 p.m., free, on the Rogers Center patio, in event of rain, the concert will move inside to the lobby, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Friday, July 8

Gallery opening reception, Peggy Omer's one-woman show features more than 50 works from the past three decades of her career and include watercolors and Giclée prints of landscapes, still lifes, florals and seascapes, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public, Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water St., Newburyport, on display through

July 13; Peggy Omer 978-388-0491 or visit Web site www.peggyomer.com.

Saturday, July 9

Used book sale, for book lovers of all ages, who get a plastic bag to fill with used books, proceeds benefit the YMCA's "Reach Out for Youth" scholarship assistance program, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$5 per bag, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover/North Andover Branch, 165 Haverhill St., donate books at the YMCA's Member Services Desk; 978-685-3541.

Art auction, The North Shore Arts Association will hold the first of two planned auctions of more than 80 paintings from members in all styles, media and price ranges, with the proceeds to support the Arts Association, 5:30 p.m. auction preview and artists' reception followed by auction at 7 p.m., \$10 admission, North Shore Arts Association, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857 or visit Web site www.northshoreartsassoc.org.

Sunday, July 10

No events listed.

Ongoing Summer Activities

Summer concert series, the free summer series begins Wednesday, July 13 with Bill Scism's Jazz Band, 6-8 p.m., free, at The Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, bring blankets or chairs and picnic suppers; in the event of rain on Wednesday, the concert will be held the next day, Thursday, call the DCS weather line after 3 p.m. for weather updates 978-623-8279; future concerts: July 20 - '60s Invasion, July 27 - Mike Finegold Quartet, Aug. 3 - Four Guys in Tuxes (requests), Aug. 10 - Rico Barr & The Jump Jive Review, Aug. 17 (final show) - Mill City Jazz; Mary Donohue 978-623-8273.

Pomps Pond, the pond is open daily for the season, including July 4; daily fees \$5 per person, resident season stickers \$75 or \$30 for senior citizens, Pond View concession stand open daily, hours through July 31: noon-7 p.m.; Aug. 1-14: noon-6 p.m.; swim

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A crafty holiday

The North Andover Festival Committee is looking for crafters to participate in the July 4th celebration on the Common from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also non-profits from North Andover. Contact Joan at 978-685-5320.

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lessons begin July 11 through Aug. 25, 11:15 a.m. - noon, off Abbot Street; 978-623-8273.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art.

Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper. Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still-lives and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; *Over + Over: Passion for Process*, through July 31, two- and three-dimensional works by artists whose extreme craft combines ordinary materials and traditional hobbies and craft skills to create extraordinary works; *Classic Modern: Art Deco Silver from the Collection of John P. Axelrod*, through July 31, highlighting the breadth and novelty of design in Art Deco silver, with designs drawn from the particulars of American life — trains and skyscrapers, prohibition and urban living, jazz music and Hollywood movies; *Art and Craft*, through July 31, featuring works from the Addison's permanent collection, Art and Craft acknowledges the integral relationship between hand and mind, necessity and idea, maker and product that is embodied in the decorative arts; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover.

through Aug. 21, "Warm Winds, Cool Waters," an exhibition of oil paintings, pastels and watercolors

by seven artists and several familiar Alpers exhibitors, gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology.

Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography.

Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.the-brush.org.

COOL Gallery, Visual Heritage:

Greece on display through June, featuring the works of Lowell painter Bill Giavis, sculptor David Koishol, and fashion designer Eleni Zhodi, free and open to the public, regular exhibit hours Tues. and Thurs. 1-5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162

Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House.

181 Canal St., Lawrence; through June 30: *Black White & Color*, featuring works by Fred Cochrane (pen and ink), Paula Gronquist

(oils), Mary Beth Hermans (watercolors) and Jim Primmer (photography), artists' reception June 17, 5-7:30 p.m.; 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School.

gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art.

Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Churchill Gallery.

an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Essex Art Center, through Aug. 19.

in the Main Gallery, "Faith in Art" featuring Latino artists Claudia Arcia, Federico Bachman, Raquel Bauman, Jairo Cruz, Pan Goncalves, Norma Lopez, Cecilia Mendez, Leida Montanez, Gabriela Perez-Fiato; in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, "Time Spells" by sculptor and installation artist Patricia Tinajero-Baker; gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

Memorial Hall Library.

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the

McQuade Library at Merrimack College, *Into the Looking Glass*, an exhibit throughout month of May by Andover resident Mary Beth Hermans of paintings from her life in New Mexico and Massachusetts, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Mer-

rimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

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participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-

623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents a collection of paintings by Irish artists celebrating the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty, including Arthur O'Callaghan's paintings; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, as well as by appointment; free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

Walsingham Gallery, works by

artists J.C. Airolidi, Robert Douglas

Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery.

Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle

St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday

Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck

Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum.

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours.

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Doherty Middle School's eighth-grade Guitar Ensemble or "Guitarchestra" members are (front row, from left): Andrew Lebowitz, Lucy Silverman, Adriana Lucci, Matt Sambuco; (back row) Nick D'Innocenzo, Grant Evans, music teacher Jeff Buckridge, Eddie Troy, Craig Hooker and Matt Moramarco.

A harmonious graduation

GUITAR ORCHESTRA

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"There's no music on there."

Buckridge orchestrated Evans' music. He admires Evans' ability to take what was

"originally a rock song and turn it into a neoclassical acoustic guitar piece."

"Grant's into heavy metal. The thing I can appreciate about the stuff he listens to, that some

people don't, is its complexity and sophistication. I was so impressed that he could not only write stuff that's complicated, but he could also do the harmony," says Buckridge.

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The original, signed by John Hancock and Charles Thomson late in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, is lost.

The Dunlap broadside

That night, the most important "rush printing job" in American history took place.

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This original printed version is called the Dunlap broadside (because it is printed on a "broad" piece of paper). Only 25 copies of the broadside have been found.

The signed parchment copy

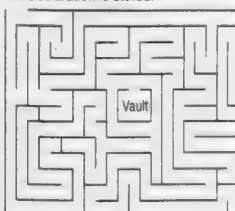
Congress waited for New York's approval before ordering an "official" unanimous copy. The historic words were handwritten on a 24" x 30" piece of parchment and signed by those present on Aug. 2, 1776. Others delegates signed later. A few disapproved and never signed.

The parchment is displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. It is badly faded and damaged.

The engraved copy

The most familiar image is the engraved copy printed in 1823. Historians think that a thin, wet sheet of paper was pressed against the original parchment, lifting a portion of the ink. The ink was then pressed against a copper printing plate to be etched and printed. (This old-fashioned way of making copies may be why the original is in such bad shape.)

Maze: Find your way to the vault where the Declaration is stored.



Dunlap broadside copies are located at:

- National Archives and Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, MD
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- Independence National Historic Park, American Philosophical Society and Historical Society of Pennsylvania, all in Philadelphia, PA
- Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- New York Public Library and Pierpont Morgan Library, New York

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- American Independence Museum, Exeter, NH
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- Public Record Office, United Kingdom

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Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Revolving Museum, "Signs of Life" is a cave environment, the product of some 76 student artists from the Lowell public schools, created over a period of 6 months and inspired by the cave paintings of Lascaux and Altamira but conveying the symbols and messages of modern day kids, on display through Aug. 21; "Family Life," a display exploring the theme of family life, also open through Aug. 21; audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, on display through July 13, Peggy Omer's one-woman show featuring more than 50 works from the past three decades of her career, including watercolors and Giclee prints of landscapes, still lifes, florals and seascapes; gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy,

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.gallery-oni.homestead.com/1.html.

Newburyport Art Association, Sargent Gallery and the Hartson Gallery (upstairs), Laura Coombs Gallery, hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; 66 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, 11 Pirate's Lane, Gloucester, regular hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., including holidays; 978-283-1857.

Erlach Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Newburyport Art Association, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

Theater

North Shore Music Theatre, Theatre for Children, six performances especially for children this summer: Sat. June 25, "Little Red

Riding Hood and Other Stories" performed by the Pushcart Players; Friday, July 1, "Disney's Mulan Junior" by the music theatre's own Youth Performance Academy; Friday, July 15, "Russian American Kids Circus On Stage," with juggling, tight-rope, unicycles, clowns and more; Friday, July 22, "Rapunzel" by the Youth Performance Academy; Friday, July 29 "Super Scientific Circus" starring Mr. Fish and Trent the Mime, who prove that science can be fun; Friday, Aug. 12, "Peter and the Wolf" by the Pushcart Players; all performances at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., tickets \$11-17, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.

North Shore Music Theatre, the premier venue for musical theater on the North Shore, this summer featuring Rodgers and Hammerstein's magical musical, *Cinderella*, July 12-31, various times, tickets \$35-68; and from August 23 through September 11, *Abyssinia*, the story of a young African-American woman's journey back to faith, featuring moving gospel, jazz and ragtime rhythms, various times, tickets \$30-63; also visit Web site for related free events, including "Meet the Theatre" events that offer the opportunity to meet the players, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200 or visit Web site www.nsmt.org for times, special events, and tickets.

Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, through June 30, *Tray Ladies: Fifty Years of Varnish*, featuring the collected works of a group of Andover artists who have been painting together

for over 50 years, specializing in decorative painting on tin, available for viewing Tuesday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; also through June, *A Crowning Glory*, a special exhibit of hats from the Society's collection; or tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; exhibit in the Meeting Room: *Founding Farms*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, with photographs by Stan Sherer and text by Michael E. C. Gery; *Founding Farms* documents the long lives of five of the oldest farms in Massachusetts, including North Andover's Barker Farm; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum has the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

American Textile History Museum, special exhibits through Sept. 4 include "Batik from Courts and Palaces: the Rudolf Smend Collection" and "Batik Fashion/ American Style," featuring special attractions for children, including a walk-in exhibit of a traditional Sumatran home with a water-buffalo-hide roof, dress-up sarong wraps, a fishing game, and hands-on learning with spices, musical instruments and more; "Family Fun," Sundays, 2 p.m. feature hands-on programs, stories, quilt projects and more; alongside the permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts that show how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the museum's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery

displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Mondays and holidays; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members; parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Batik at American Textile History Museum, lectures and gallery walk to introduce two new exhibits, "Batik from Courts and Palaces: the Rudolf Smend Collection," discussed by the collector, and "Batik Fashion/ American Style" with curator Leesa Hubbell, free with general admission, 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., normal admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Peabody Essex Museum, Island Thresholds, Contemporary Art from the Caribbean, an exhibit of 13 works of art by four current artists, through June 5; *In Nature's Company*, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876 or 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

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Public skating, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or fmcarenas.com.

Adult English classes, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

New England Classical Singers, under artistic director David Hodgkins, rehearsals are held at South School in Andover; 978-474-6090 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-

9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, rehearsals Thursday evening, 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Ave., Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070, or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

Community men's chorus, the Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Drum and Dance Circle, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com.

Exsultet, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawshen Elementary School, Shawshen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, www.operalowell.org.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FIREWORKS POTATO SALAD

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heat and simmer 15 minutes or until tender. Drain, place in large bowl and immediately toss gently with the vinegar. Hot spuds absorb flavor so don't waste time or the 'aters won't be tart. Cover and chill.

2. Place the garlic, sage, shallots, prosciutto and crème fraiche in a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Pulverize the ingredients until they form a thick paste.

3. Add the celery, carrots, scallions and parsley to the potatoes and gently fold.

4. Add the prosciutto-crème fraiche mixture and fold to combine over the potatoes and vegetables. The mixture will soften as it incorporates. Remember, patience is a virtue!

5. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Prosciutto is a salty meat, but you might want additional seasoning.

The burst of red, orange and green colors and the variety of shapes and sizes of sweet and crunchy vegetables, soft vinegar-laced potatoes and salty-creamy paste of crème fraiche and prosciutto make this potato salad perfect for any picnic or barbecue. Because I've used just a single cup of crème fraiche rather than two-and-one-half cups of mayonnaise the overall fat and calorie content is lower than in traditional potato salad. Enjoy!

Terry's Famous July Fourth Cucumber and Onion Salad

Serves an unlimited number of people

Ingredients

• 4 medium English cucumbers, peeled and seeded

(may substitute regular garden cucumbers)

- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- One-half cup distilled white vinegar
- One-quarter cup sugar (may use sugar substitute)
- 2 Tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- One-quarter teaspoon ground white pepper
- Two big sweet onions (Vidalia, if available), quartered and sliced thin

1. Cut the cucumbers into slices with the thinnest blade available in your food processor. Place in a large plastic colander directly in the sink or over an enormous bowl, toss with salt, and let stand and drain for about one hour. The salt will pull water out of the cucumbers, making crisper cukes.

2. Take out your biggest bowl, but it must be non-reactive: ceramic, glass or plastic, but not metal. Whisk together the vinegar, sugar or sugar substitute, dill and pepper until the sugar is dissolved.

3. Pat the cucumbers dry with a paper towel and then ladle them into the vinegar mixture. Add the onions and toss well, cover and refrigerate for at least three hours, the longer the better.

What I adore about this cucumber salad is that it is crispy and refreshing. It lasts for weeks in the refrigerator. When the cukes are ripe in my vegetable garden then I make enormous batches and let them pickle. Crunchy, sweet and sour, delicious and dietetic... what could be better?

Have a wonderful Fourth of July holiday!

► The next **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** column, "Invasion of the Zucchini," won't appear until Aug. 18. By then, the zucchini and yellow squash will have taken over our gardens!

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Sports



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Hunter Tyrrell jumps onto winning pitcher Alex Driscoll as the Braves team runs onto the field after winning the Town Little League Championship series with the Athletics. The Braves won the series Tuesday night, two games to none.

Andover Little League Major Division

Town champions!

Braves complete the sweep over the Athletics

By Rick Harrison

COMPLETE-GAME winning pitchers John Taylor and Alex Driscoll fired back-to-back gems just 48 hours apart, allowing only one run in two games as the Braves swept the Athletics in a rematch of last year's best-of-3 Andover Little League Major Division (9-12 years) Town Championship series.

Taylor scattered six hits as the NL champion Braves trimmed the AL titlist A's, 4-1, in the first game at the Deyermund Field complex.

The champs clinched the pennant when Driscoll followed with a two-hit shutout, fanning eight, in a 3-0 second-game triumph Tuesday night at Deyermund.

Righthanders Driscoll and Taylor finished the in-town league season with a combined 13-2 mound record, Driscoll 7-1 and Taylor 6-1.

Linnemann also batted .833 in the series, going 5-for-6 with five doubles, while Driscoll hit .500 with three safeties including a pair of doubles.

This provided a measure of revenge for the Braves, who also met the Athletics last year for Town supremacy and dropped that series in two equally-tight pitcher-dominated 5-2 and 1-0 games.

This year the archrivals played one regular season game with the Athletics posting a 4-2 victory.

Two years ago the Braves, in the league's most dramatic turnaround ever, won the Town championship by sweeping the AL Royals and finishing with a 17-1 overall record after going 0-16 the previous year.

The Braves closed at 15-4 this spring/summer and are 43-13 overall, including 37-11 regular season, over the past three years.

Five members of the Braves have been on the team all three seasons, while two others are two-year veterans.

Alex Driscoll, Alex Linnemann, John Taylor, Brendan Cronin and Kevin Neville make up the first group, while Taber Tyrrell and Sean Sawyer joined the Braves in 2004.

Completing this year's roster for the Town champs are Andrew Bruno, Ted Pineault, Alec Livingston, Harrison Cobb and Hunter Tyrrell.

Seven players from the current squad

are eligible to return in 2006.

"This was another very well-played series by both teams," said retiring Braves' manager Ed Taylor. "We didn't make an error and our pitchers only walked one batter in two games."

"Strong defense and control were two key factors that characterized our team all season."

The complete roster for the A's, 11-8 overall,

includes Harry Ameen, Roger Bourland, Christian Connors, Jake Cunningham, Mike Davidson, Ben Dykstra, Tom LoMedico, Mike McQuillan, Sean McQuillan, Fred Scribner, Kyle Wakefield and Alec Weiss.

Jeff Weiss is the manager and coaches are Tom McQuillan and David Ameen.

TOWN CHAMPIONSHIP MAJOR DIVISION

GAME 1

Braves 4

Athletics 1

Righthander John Taylor pitched a complete-game six-hitter, whiffing two and losing his shutout bid in the final inning, as the Braves got the jump in the series.

The NL champs inched ahead 1-0 in the top of the first, when Alex Driscoll ripped a leadoff single and scored on Alex Linnemann's double to right field.

It remained 1-0 until the fifth when the Braves tacked on their final three runs.

Driscoll sparked the Braves' offense with a double, single and two runs scored, while Linnemann belted a pair of doubles and scored once.

Kevin Neville also laced two hits. Taylor and Sean Sawyer rapped a single each. Brendan Cronin was a defensive stand-out in center field for the Braves.

The A's were led by Mike McQuillan, who lashed two singles and drove in the lone A's run in the bottom of the sixth.

Catcher Alec Weiss tripled to right field and scored the AL champs' run, while Sean McQuillan doubled in the first inning and Kyle Wakefield contributed a pair of hits.

Mike McQuillan pitched the first three innings and Davidson the final three for the A's, with McQuillan yielding only one run and three hits while fanning three.

TOWN CHAMPIONSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE SERIES

Major 9-12 Division

Best-of-3

at Deyermund Field #1

GAME 1

BRAVES 4, ATHLETICS 1

Braves — Alex Driscoll c 3-2-2, Alex Linnemann 1b 3-2-3, John Taylor p 2-0-1, Sean Sawyer c 3-0-1, Brendan Cronin 3b 2-0-0, Andrew Bruno 2b 1-0-0, Kevin Neville ss 3-0-2, Taber Tyrrell lf 1-0-0, Harrison Cobb rf 1-0-0, Ted Pineault 3b 1-0-0, Alec Livingston lf 2-0-0, Hunter Tyrrell rf 1-0-0. Totals: 23-4-9.

Athletics — Sean McQuillan ss 3-0-1, Alec Weiss c 3-1-1, Mike McQuillan p 1b 3-0-2, Mike Davidson 2b-p 3-0-0, Kyle Wakefield 3b 3-0-2, Harry Ameen 2b 2-0-0, Tom LoMedico 2-0-0, Fred Scribner c 1-0-0, Roger Bourland rf 1-0-0, Ben Dykstra rf 1-0-0, Jake Cunningham lf 1-0-0. Totals: 23-1-6.

Braves 100 030 — 4
Athletics 000 001 — 1
RBI: B. Driscoll 1, Linnemann 1, Taylor 1, A. McQuillan 1. 2B: Linnemann 2, Driscoll, SMcQuillan. 3B: Weiss. Errors: None. WP: John Taylor (6-1) 6ip 6h 1r 1er 0bb 2k. LP: Mike McQuillan 3ip 3h 1r 1er 0bb 3k. Relief: Mike Davidson 3ip 5h 3r 3er 3bb 2k. Records: Braves 14-4, Athletics 11-7.

GAME 2

BRAVES 3, ATHLETICS 0

Athletics — Sean McQuillan ss-p 3-0-1, Alec Weiss c 3-0-1, Mike McQuillan p 1b 3-0-0, Kyle Wakefield 3b 2-0-0, Mike Davidson ss 2b 2-0-0, Harry Ameen 2b 2-0-0, Jake Cunningham lf 2-0-0, Fred Scribner c 2-0-0, Roger Bourland rf 1-0-0, Ben Dykstra rf 0-0-0. Totals: 20-0-2.

Braves — Alex Driscoll p 3-1-1, Alex Linnemann 1b 3-2-3, John Taylor c 2-0-0, Sean Sawyer c 3-0-1, Brendan Cronin 3b 2b 3-0-0, Andrew Bruno 2b 2-0-2, Ted Pineault 3b 1-0-1, Kevin Neville ss 3-0-1, Taber Tyrrell lf 1-0-0, Alec Livingston lf 1-0-0, Harrison Cobb rf 1-0-0, Hunter Tyrrell rf 1-0-0. Totals: 24-3-9.

Athletics 000 000 — 0
Braves 101 10x — 3
RBI: B. Sawyer 2, Linnemann 1. 2B: Linnemann 3, Driscoll. Errors: None. WP: Alex Driscoll (7-1) 6ip 2h 0r 0er 1bb 6k. LP: Mike McQuillan. Final Records: Braves 15-4, Athletics 11-8.

GAME 3

Braves 2

Athletics 0

Alex Driscoll was in complete control, surrendering only a pair of harmless singles in the fourth and sixth while fanning eight and issuing one walk.

The host Braves scored the only run necessary in the first frame, when Alex Linnemann blasted the first of his three doubles (all to left-center) and John Taylor drew a walk.

Both advanced on a passed ball and Linnemann raced home on Sean Sawyer's infield tapper.

In the third, Linnemann cranked another two-bagger and scored when Sawyer ripped a single to right for a 2-0 lead.

The final insurance run came in the

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Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball

Determined to repeat

By Rick Harrison

PLAYING LIKE A TEAM ON A MISSION, determined to repeat as Massachusetts state champion, the undefeated Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball juggernaut continued to pile up runs and victories.

The locals scored 37 runs in three more lopsided wins, drilling Gloucester, 15-1, Nashua, N.H., 12-6, and Beverly, 10-1.

Andover improved to 6-0 overall, including 4-0 in District 8 play, and Post 8 has outscored the opposition 77-20.

Powerhouse Andover also led visiting Lynn Gautreau, 3-1, in the fourth inning when lightning and a torrential downpour forced postponement of the district game at Peter Aumais Park.

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Manager Joe Iarobino's crew has now won 15 of its last 16 games against in-state competition, dating back to last year when Andover won its last two regular season games, swept two best-of-3 state tourney preliminary round playoff series and went 5-1 on the way to the state title (only loss to Norwood).

Post 8 went 15-2 in district play last summer — with the second setback 1-0 to the Swampscott Mariners in mid-July.

The current 18-player roster includes 13 veterans from the 2004 Legion squad, which finished 26-5, and nine who recently completed an 18-4 season with Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 and North 1 titlist Andover High.

Schedule

Post 8 hosted district foe Lynn Post 6 last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, and travels to face Methuen Post 144 tomorrow night (Friday) at Methuen High (6 p.m.).

Andover will play Newburyport Post 1 on Saturday in Rowley (5 p.m.), before taking a July 4 holiday break.

The next scheduled game is Wednesday, July 6 against Lawrence Post 15 at Aumais Park.

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The rained-out Lynn Gautreau game will have to be replayed in its entirety at a later date, while other makeups with Swampscott and Peabody had not been reset at presstime, but may be played this weekend.

Andover 15 Gloucester 1

Three pitchers combined for a four-hitter,

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Play Ball! Andover Little League All-Star Tournament starts Tuesday

By Rick Harrison

Both Andover teams in the Major 11-12 year old division of the annual double-elimination Massachusetts District 14 Little League All-Star Tournament will open play next Tuesday, July 5.

Andover National, the reigning district champion, will play South Lawrence West in its opener on the road at Mt. Vernon Park in Lawrence.

Andover American will host Tewksbury National at Deyermund Park off Chandler Road.

Both games will start at 5:30 p.m. Win or lose, both local squads will return to action the following night, Wednesday, with a pair of 5:30 p.m. games.

Andover National will face either Tewksbury American or Billerica National, depending on the outcome of the first round games.

A-N expects to send either Alex Driscoll or Josh Smith to the mound in Tuesday's opener.

All Andover home games will be played at Deyermund Park.

Other cities and towns with one or more teams entered in the tourney include Lawrence, Methuen, Haverhill, North Andover, Lowell, Billerica, Tewksbury and Chelmsford.

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Athletics manager Jeff Weiss, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the roster lists published in last week's *Townsmen*, is the manager of the Andover American All-Stars.

His coaches are Dave Geaslen (Royals), Paul Conway (Orioles) and Tom McQuillan (Athletics).

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Last July the Andover Nationals, coached by Len Driscoll, blasted through the 2004 district tournament undefeated with five consecutive wins over Lawrence Prospect Hill (5-1), Methuen West (11-0), Billerica National (8-5), Andover American (2-1) and Methuen West (5-0).

Andover American bowed out with a 3-2 record, registering consecutive shutout wins over Tewksbury American (6-0), North Andover East (4-0) and Methuen East (2-0) prior to a pair of tough one-run losses against A-N and Methuen West (5-4 in the district semifinals).

The Nationals advanced to the Massachusetts Sectionals, going 3-2 before being ousted by Wakefield National in the championship game.

The locals beat Hamilton-Wenham (7-6), Lynn Wyoma (1-0) and Wakefield (2-0) prior to a 9-0 loss to Wakefield in their third meeting.

One member of that A-N team, Alex Driscoll, is back this summer while all oth-

ers have graduated to either Pony League or Senior League.

All 24 members of this year's two 'Star teams are 12 years old.

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Andover National and American have combined to win the district title 11 times in the last 25 years.

The Americans' most recent D-14 championship was in 2002 when they also won the Sectionals and played in the four-team State Tournament finals, beating Wellesley (11-5) before losing to Worcester (3-0) and eventual state and Regional champ Middleboro (8-5).

The Americans also reached the state finals in 1999 and were district finalists in 2003 when they dropped a 7-5 decision to Tewksbury American in the title game at Pollard Field in Billerica.

The ultimate Andover tournament ride was taken by the 1988 Andover Nationals, coached by Jim Arnold, John Murphy and Red Harris and led by players Rick Saggese, Toby Guzowski, Paul Allard, Matt Wolcott, Todd Harris and Danny Hansberry.

That crew won district, sectional, state and regional titles, going 16-1 along the way, and advanced to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. where they lost to Spring, Texas (8-2) and also played Panama and Saudi Arabia before placing sixth in the world.

Following are the rosters of this year's two 12-player Major Division All-Star teams, as selected by the league coaches, with their regular season team in parentheses.

ANDOVER NATIONAL Major 11-12 All-Stars

Alex Driscoll (Braves); John Taylor (Braves); Alex Linnemann (Braves); Kyle Berthiaume (Cubs); Josh Smith (Cubs); Andrew Johnian (Cubs); Dan Fisch (Marlins); Andy Coke (Marlins); Joe Bramanti (Giants); Paul Russell (Mets); Ben Cook (Pirates); Bennett Deady (Cardinals). Manager: Ed Taylor (Braves). Coaches: Len Driscoll (Braves); Dave Berthiaume (Cubs); Doug Cook (Pirates); Chris Deady (Cardinals).

ANDOVER AMERICAN Major 11-12 All-Stars

Sean McQuillan (Athletics); Mike McQuillan (Athletics); Alec Weiss (Athletics); Danny Conway (Orioles); John Cusick (Orioles); Brian Charlebois (Red Sox); Andrew Osborne (Royals); Ben McQuaide (Royals); Donny Hunt (Tigers); Ned Deane (Tigers); Tyler McGarry (White Sox); Colin Norris (Yankees). Manager: Jeff Weiss (Athletics). Coaches: Dave Geaslen (Royals), Paul Conway (Orioles) and Tom McQuillan (Athletics).

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Crushing the competition

■ ANDOVER POST 8
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while Paul Malaguti and Andrew Hennessy led a 15-hit Post 8 attack with three safeties each, in this mismatch under the lights at O'Malley Park in Gloucester.

The game was halted after six innings because of a Town of Gloucester curfew.

The winners did all their scoring in the first four innings, with back-to-back four-run rallies prior to a six-run fourth.

Winning pitcher Craig Lanciani (1-0) worked the first 4 1/3 innings, carrying a no-hitter into the fourth and striking out four.

"I took him out because the lead was so large and I wanted to save Craig for possible use later in the week," said Larrobino.

Tom Arrigg (Brooks School) finished out the fifth, fanning two, and Kevin Calabro worked the sixth inning in relief.

The locals took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Malaguti drew a one-out walk, stole second and scored on Ryan Shepard's (Merrimack College) single to center.

Post 8 added four runs in the second after the first two batters were retired. Zack O'Donnell (Middlesex School) singled to center, Hennessy singled to left and Matt Lorio drilled an RBI double to right-center.

Malaguti followed with a two-run single to center, and Joel Keefe (UMass Boston) smacked a run-producing single to center for a 5-0 lead.

In the four-run third, Dan Godefroi reached on an error, Tim Hughes (Middlesex) and O'Donnell were hit by pitches to load the bases and Hennessy laced a two-run double to left-center.

Lorio was also hit by a pitch and Malaguti spanked a two-run single to right-center.

A six-run fourth boosted the lead to 15-0 as Post 8 paraded 10 batters to the plate.

Shepard singled to left and Matt Hogan followed with the team's first home run, a two-run 380-foot shot over

the center field fence.

Hughes walked, Hennessy lashed a two-out single to left and Lorio walked to load the bases. Malaguti dumped a two-run single into right field and Keefe hammered a two-run triple off the fence in right-center.

Gloucester notched its only run in the bottom of the fourth.

Malaguti finished 3-for-3, with three runs scored and six RBI, while DH Hennessy was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBI.

Keefe contributed a single, triple and three ribbies, Shepard had two hits and leadoff batter Lorio scored three runs.

Malaguti, who split time between third and shortstop, was a defensive standout with four assists.

Andover 12 Nashua, N.H. 6

Post 8 squandered a 6-0 lead at Aumais Park, broke a 6-6 tie in the fourth and went on to complete a sweep of non-district foe Nashua Coffey Post 3 which it also defeated 11-3 in the season opener.

A six-run outburst in the bottom of the first gave Andover the early cushion on a sultry afternoon.

Four locals were hit by pitches in the stanza, including Matt Lorio who started the rally when he was plunked on the left arm.

Joel Keefe singled, Dan Godefroi was hit in the upper back as he spun to avoid a pitch, and Ryan Shepard followed with a bases-loaded, two-run single to center.

Tim Hughes lined an RBI single to right-center and Zack O'Donnell was hit in the leg by a pitch. Three more runs were forced home when Andrew Hennessy was an HBP victim and bases-loaded walks were issued to Tom Arrigg and Paul Malaguti.

Nashua battled back with three runs in the second and three in the third for the 6-6 deadlock.

Post 8 regained the lead in the fourth as Keefe singled to right-center, Godefroi walked, the pair worked a double steal and Shepard grounded an RBI sin-

gle up the middle.

A four-run fifth broke the game open as O'Donnell, Hennessy and Arrigg (RBI) spiked consecutive singles. Lorio was hit in the back by a pitch, Malaguti singled to left-center for a run, Keefe lofted a sac-fly and Godefroi singled to center for an 11-6 lead.

The final run came in the sixth after pinch-hitter Kevin Calabro belted a one-out double that rolled under the right field fence. He advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a balk.

Arrigg (1-0) earned the pitching victory in relief, tossing 2 1/3 innings of two-hit ball.

Calabro mopped up with two frames of one-hit work as the closer, as he and Arrigg combined for seven strikeouts.

Nine Andover players hit safely, led by Keefe, Shepard and Arrigg (triple) with two each.

Lorio and Keefe scored twice apiece, while Shepard drove in three runs, Arrigg two and Malaguti two.

"Tim Hughes had an outstanding game behind the plate," noted Larrobino. "He nailed two kids trying to steal--and in the sixth he blocked two third-strike pitches in the dirt and threw the batters out at first."

Andover 10 Beverly 1

This game pivoted on a four-run second inning and four-run bottom of the sixth at Aumais Park.

Winning pitcher Patrick Bateson (2-0) pitched 5 1/3 innings, yielding only one scratch infield hit while whiffing six and issuing no walks.

"I was going to take Pat out after five--until the kids told me he was working on a no-hitter," said Larrobino. "He got the first batter in the sixth before Beverly got that infield single--on a bang-bang play at first that could have been called either way."

Bateson also hit one batter and two others reached on errors.

Kevin Calabro finished out the sixth, fanning one and allowing an RBI double, before Myke Fortier retired Beverly 1-2-3 in the seventh on three straight grounders to second baseman Dan Haugh (St. John's Prep).

Andover notched an unearned run in

the first when Paul Malaguti reached on a one-out error, took second on an infield out and raced across when Joel Keefe singled to left-center.

In the four-run second, Tim Hughes was hit in the leg by a pitch, Zack O'Donnell singled and Tom Arrigg was plunked on the thigh to load the bases.

Arrigg was hit by pitches three times in the game, and Post 8 batters have already been plunked 15 times in six games.

"A lot of our kids crowd the plate and 'know how to get hit by a pitch,'" said Larrobino. "But we're getting hit a ridiculous number of times."

"We had a pool party after the Nashua game (played in sweltering 90-degree heat)--and you could see our guys covered with bruises on their arms, backs and legs. Fortunately no one has been seriously hurt."

After the two hit batsman, Andrew Hennessy, ripped a two-run single to right-center, Matt Lorio stung an RBI single to center, and Dan Godefroi hoisted a sac-fly for a 5-0 Post 8 lead.

Hughes lashed a one-out single to center and circled the bases on Arrigg's triple to left-center in the fifth.

In the four-run sixth Lorio singled through the middle, Godefroi singled to right, Keefe pounded a two-run double to right-center and RBI singles were added by Ryan Shepard and O'Donnell.

Keefe (three RBI) and O'Donnell sparked an 11-hit attack with two each, while nine players scored for the locals.

Keefe played a solid defensive game at first base.

Andover 3 Lynn Gautreau 1

Lefty Dan Godefroi, in his first Legion start this season, pitched very well through four innings in the postponed game.

"Danny pitched a lot for the high school late in the season--so we wanted to give him a couple weeks off," explained Larrobino. "He threw 54 pitches and looked very good before the rains came."

Godefroi went 7-1 for Andover High this spring and 11-2 for the Legion last year, with one of the losses the 1-0 game versus Swampscott.



The Braves team poses for a photo after winning the Town Little League Championship series. From left are (bottom row) Taber Tyrrell, Alec Livingston, Andrew Bruno, Harrison Cobb, Hunter Tyrrell and Ted Pineault; (second row) Alex Linnemann, Jay Taylor, Sean Sawyer, Alex Driscoll, Kevin Neville and Brendan Cronin; (back row) Coach Lenny Driscoll, manager Ed Taylor and coach Rick Sawyer.

Brave winners

■ LITTLE LEAGUE

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fourth on back-to-back two-out doubles by Driscoll and Linnemann.

The A's only serious threat occurred in the sixth, when Ben Dykstra drew the only walk off Driscoll and Alec Weiss slapped a two-out single to bring the tying run to the plate.

But Driscoll, who fanned the side in the sixth, struck out the next batter to end the game and the Town series.

Linnemann went 3-for-3, Andrew Bruno 2-for-2 and other safeties not figuring in the scoring were smacked by Ted Pineault and Kevin Neville.

Sean McQuillan laced the first A's single in the fourth to break up Driscoll's no-hitter.

NL PLAYOFF
Braves 4
Cubs 2

The Braves defeated the Cubs in a special one-game playoff to advance to the Town series.

The key hit came with two outs in the bottom of the fourth and the Braves protecting a slender 2-1 lead.

No. 9 batter Hunter Tyrrell, a 9-year-old, lashed a two-run double to right-center that sailed over the outfielders to chase home the eventual winning and insurance runs.

Alex Driscoll accounted for the NL champs' first two runs with his fourth homer of the season, a two-run shot to left field.

Driscoll was also the complete-game winning pitcher.

The Braves and Cubs had split a pair of regular season games, the Cubs winning 4-3 in the first half and the Braves 6-0 in the second half.

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Set on a wooded lot on a cul-de-sac near schools, town and highway access is this 8 room Ranch with 4 freshly painted bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood throughout, large screened porch overlooks level lot.

Call Rhonda Goff
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ANDOVER - \$539,900

Lovingly cared for 8 room Cape with wood floors, living room with fireplace, dining room with built-in, eat-in country kitchen, 4 bedrooms plus den/office, sunroom overlooks lovely level lot.

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978-687-4465


JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$579,900

Exciting 10 room Multi-level home with open floor plan on beautiful acre+ lot. Fieldstone fireplaced family room, privately sited master bedroom with updated bath, recently remodeled kitchen, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces.

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NEW PRICE!
ANDOVER - \$599,900

11 room, 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial featuring 4 season sunroom off 30' fire-placed cathedral ceiling kitchen/family center, fireplaced master bedroom, C/A, handy location near town, commuter routes.

Call Marilyn Burke
978-687-4465


NO. ANDOVER - \$599,900

Fabulous neighborhood setting for this spacious hip roof Colonial on approximately 1.2 acres that back up to conservation land! 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, central air & vac are just a few of the amenities.

Call Arlene Santangelo
978-687-4465


JUST LISTED!
NO. ANDOVER - \$649,900

New construction in area of 5 other new homes. Private wooded lot. Fireplaced cathedral ceiling family room, 2.5 baths, finished 3rd floor room, island granite kitchen, oversized deck, handy location. Late summer delivery.

Call Jon Maren
978-475-2201


NEW PRICE!
NO. ANDOVER - \$689,900

Elegant 9 room Colonial with 3 fireplaces, all hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling family room, office with built-ins, C/A, 2.5 tile baths, master bedroom with Jacuzzi. Beautiful yard in great location!

Call Cheryl Foster
978-687-4465


NEW PRICE!
NO. ANDOVER - \$695,000

Pristine home on a great lot! Young, gorgeous, open concept Colonial with maple floors, designer kitchen with granite, fire-placed family room, recessed lighting, fabulous vaulted master suite with luxurious bath, finished lower level!

Call Donna Shay
978-475-2201


NEW PRICE!
NO. ANDOVER - \$754,900

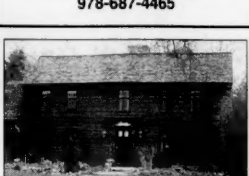
Walnut Ridge! Unique 4 bedroom Cape on private 1.5 acre lot on cul-de-sac. Beautifully maintained, architectural details, flexible floor plans, 2 story great room, granite kitchen, walk to Sargent School.

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JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$759,900

Resort style living is found with this 9 room, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial featuring a beautifully landscaped yard highlighted with sparkling in-ground pool, fully equipped cabana, screened porch & patio!

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ANDOVER - \$779,000

Stunning Reproduction Colonial with granite & cherry kitchen, wide pine floors 3 fireplaces, luxurious master suite with dressing room & whirlpool bath, C/A, charming gardens and grounds.

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JUST LISTED!
NO. ANDOVER - \$779,900

Classic 9 room Colonial with "House Beautiful" decor! Updated kitchen with Viking stove, cathedral ceiling family room, gracious formal rooms, professionally landscaped lot with tennis court near NA Country Club.

Call Natalie Bradley
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JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$799,900

Tranquil setting for this young Colonial on desirable W. Andover cul-de-sac. Oversized kitchen with breakfast area, vaulted ceiling family room with floor-to-ceiling fireplace, C/A, well landscaped lot abuts conservation land.

Call Ellen Yurko
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ANDOVER - \$829,900

Charming in-town Colonial - 10 generous sized rooms, 4 full baths, high ceilings, library, breakfast room, 2 stairways, screened porch and deck, 3/4 acre lot, walking distance to town restaurants, library, train and parks.

Call Marilyn Burke
978-687-4465


NEW PRICE!
NO. ANDOVER - \$839,900

Exquisite 11 room Colonial home with breath-taking view and private estate-like grounds. Gourmet granite kitchen, 4 season sunroom topped by roof deck, 2 fireplaces, lush landscaping including a potting shed and pergola!

Call Cheryl Tibaud
978-475-2201


NEW PRICE!
ANDOVER - \$859,000

Fabulous in-town location on cul-de-sac near Phillips Academy for this traditional Colonial with architect designed kitchen and baths. Oversized rooms, 3 fireplaces, hardwood throughout.

Call Sue Shepard
978-475-2201


NEW PRICE!
ANDOVER - \$899,000

Gracious Colonial home located near town, schools and commuter routes. Elegant formal rooms and master suite, granite kitchen, summer breakfast room, fireplaced family room with French doors to deck.

Call Terry McAnally or Lynne Cox
978-475-2201


ANDOVER - \$899,900

Spectacular contemporary Colonial with 2 story foyer, entertainment sized dining room, granite kitchen, 1st floor office, 2 story fireplace in living room, fireplaced family room, new school district.

Call Arlene Santangelo
978-687-4465


JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$889,000

Stunning Tudor home with open concept floor plan, gourmet kitchen with cathedral ceiling eating area, 4 season room, family room with wet bar, oversized master, finished lower level with full bath & steam.

Call Jeffrey Queen
978-475-2201


ANDOVER - \$909,900

At last! New construction with a private level lot! 3,500 sq. ft. home has all the amenities you'd expect, open foyer, sunroom, all hardwood on first floor, 9 ceilings up and down, walk-up attic.

Call Jeannette Belben
978-687-4465


ANDOVER - \$969,900

Gorgeous 12 room Colonial with 2 story foyer, custom granite kitchen, two sunrooms, fireplaced living room and family rooms, central air, hardwood floors, large master suite and much more!

Call Deb Kelso
978-475-2201


NO. ANDOVER - \$1,048,000

Young 9 room Colonial with oversized granite kitchen, 1st floor master suite, 2 story family room with floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and wall of glass, fabulous details, majestically sited!

Call Donna Shay
978-475-2201


JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$1,519,900

Smashing Scholtz designed new home in new area of similar homes. Two story foyer, elegantly finished formal rooms, family room with wet bar, luxurious master suite, three car garage.

Call Jon Maren
978-475-2201


ANDOVER - \$1,750,000

Stunning 11 room Contemporary Colonial. Master craftsmanship throughout, 3-story foyer, exquisite master suite, great room with theatre opportunity, granite chef's kitchen, 5 fireplaces, 3 car garage.

Call Kathy Tarro
978-475-2201


WINDHAM, NH - \$2,200,000

Cobbett's Pond! Spect

Scout play meant to prepare youth

■ PEER PRESSURE

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including Tommy, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Music Man, Beauty and the Beast and Children of Eden.

Recalling an educational play he watched in elementary school that was put on by a local Boy Scout troop, McRoy wanted to target an audience where he could make a lasting impact.

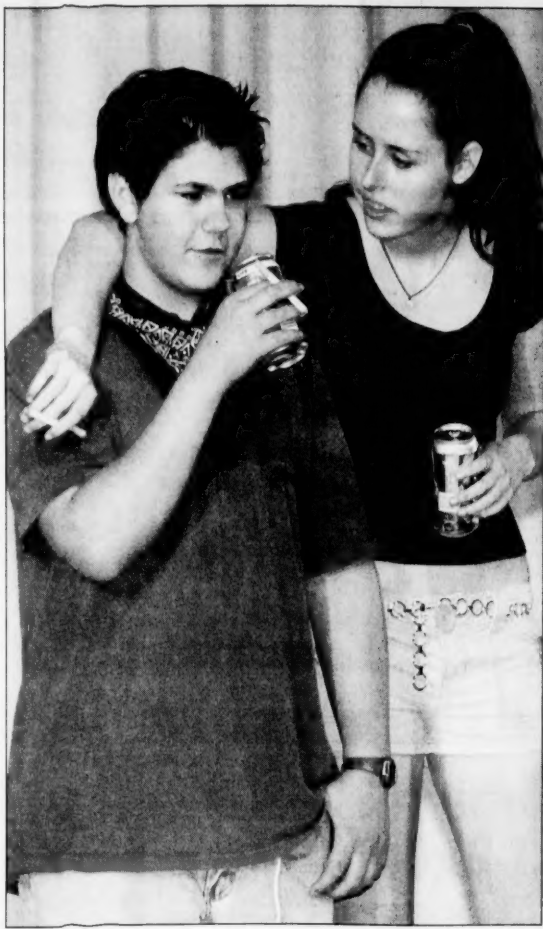
"I really believe that any kid who has fallen to alcoholism, nicotine addiction or substance abuse could have prevented it from happening if the appropriate steps were taken," says McRoy, who modeled the story of Tyler on real people's lives.

After interviewing people he knew, and listening to other teens who wrestled with addictions and suffered from making the wrong choices, McRoy wrote Tyler over the course of two months. School Superintendent Claudia Bach sponsored the project.

From the beginning, Bach says McRoy demonstrated a mature level of writing that had the potential to communicate a powerful message to middle school students.

"It was quite impressive," says Bach. "I think that high school students performing a play like this for middle school students can be even more effective in communicating these kinds of messages than adults in many cases."

In the production's climax, the title character Tyler, played



Andover High School student actor Matt Quartararo, who plays Dan, tries to be cool with Lisa, played by Shayna Orent, in a play written for middle-schoolers by Darren McRoy, 17. McRoy hopes it "helps sway them from making the wrong choices."

by AHS junior Brian Bevacqua, discovers a hard truth after falling in with the wrong crowd.

What begins with cigarette smoking and drinking beer, leads Tyler to a point where he's trying to fund an Oxycontin addiction. The teen is tricked into breaking into an alarmed house by one of his new friends, Dan, played by Matt Quartararo, where an accident leaves Tyler trapped beneath a fallen dresser. Dan flees the house, leaving

Tyler alone until the police arrive.

"When kids decline like that, it represents the failure of the system as a whole: peers, teachers, parents, everyone," McRoy says. "I just hope that later on in high school, when some of these kids are faced with tough decisions, the play might be a thought that flashes in their minds and maybe helps sway them from making the wrong choices."

THE BACK PAGE

Secret act of kindness lives on



Bill Dalton

The Townsman's All Those Years Ago column that appeared on May 19 noted that, 100 years ago, "A large dead tree was removed from Main Street in front of the Metropolitan." That notation reminded me to write about something that my Aunt Frances told me more than 20 years ago.

The Metropolitan was a bakery in the Arco Building. It occupied a small area located one third of the way down from the north end of the building. It existed for only a few years and even that brief existence has been so obscured by time that I doubt more than a handful of people know it ever existed. However, because of the largesse of a well-to-do lady who lived in Andover during the first part of the 20th Century, the bakery was more important than one would have imagined.

My aunt had a picture of the Metropolitan, which I long ago gave to the Andover Historical Society. If my memory is accurate, the picture shows three small children, ages five to 10, standing in front of the store. They are in winter clothes and there is fresh, deep snow around them. It was easy for me to recognize two of the children - my father and Uncle Bill. I think the third child was Uncle Harry. The picture was taken in 1909 or 1910.

My grandmother, Mary Dalton, owned the Metropolitan for several years beginning about 1905. Her husband, my grandfather, was killed in a train accident a year or two before she took over the bakery, and she was left with four small children to raise. Although she had not lived in Andover for long, the small amount of money that the railroad company had given to her in exchange for her husband's life, combined with

the generosity of friends and neighbors, had created enough wealth for her to be able to own the bakery.

Soon after my grandmother began operating the store, it became more than just a place to bake and sell pies and bread. My aunt said that, when she was very young, she used to hide under the counters and listen to conversations that people had with my grandmother. Some of these conversations were whispered and often the people spoke with heavy Scottish or Irish brogues. These people were immigrants who had come with their families to work in the local mills. Many of these people were destitute, and there was no public welfare in those days. Although she was able only to discern pieces of these conversations, my aunt overheard woeful stories about the poor financial condition of these immigrants. My grandmother carefully would listen and sometimes tell the people to return in a day or two. Often, if she had baked goods to spare, she would send the people on their way with some of her leftovers.

Every day or two, a well-dressed woman, whom my aunt recognized, would come into the store, and speak to my grandmother at length. Before the well-dressed woman left, she would hand my grandmother something from her purse. When my aunt grew up, she asked questions of her mother and learned that the well-dressed woman had served as benefactress to some of the needy immigrants and, in return for her generosity, had wanted only anonymity. My grandmother served as a go-between to protect the woman's identity. My aunt was sworn to secrecy by her mother and she maintained that promise for many decades, long after the benefactor had died.

I think my aunt told me the story to ensure that the woman, or at least her beneficence, would be remembered.

Bill Dalton is a former Andover selectmen and Town Meeting moderator who now writes from Atlanta.

Early Townsman deadlines

Due to the Fourth of July holiday next Monday, the Townsman will have early deadlines for its July 7 paper with all advertising copy and most releases from the public due tomorrow, Friday, July 1 at noon.

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